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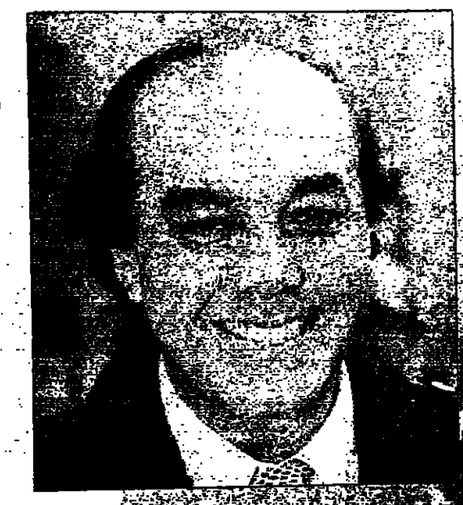
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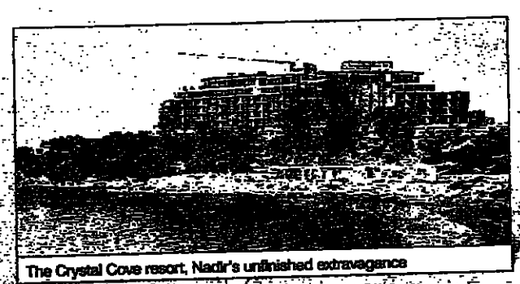
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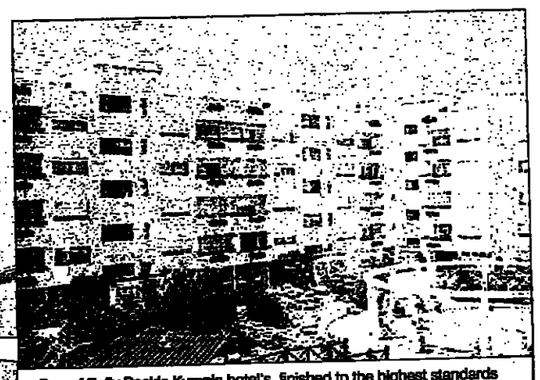
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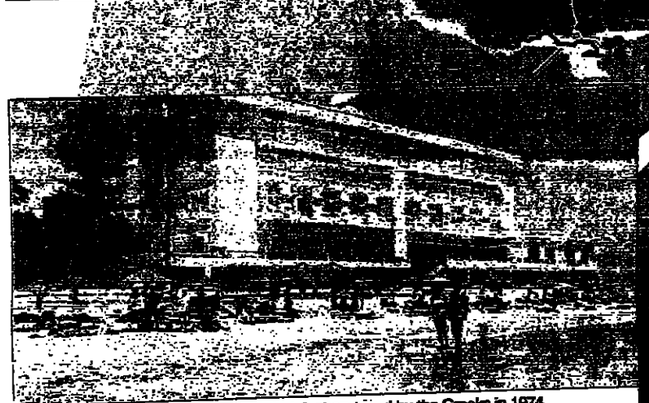




The Crystal Cove resort, Nadir's unfinished extravagance



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Spoils of war: Polly Peck leased this hotel, abandoned by the Greeks in 1974, from the northern Cypriot government



Citrus fruit sorted in Polly Peck factories and boxed in Polly Peck-made cartons leave Farmagusta harbour

Asil Nadir's flight out of the reach of Britain's legal machinery could lead to a toughening of the bail rules and streamlining of big fraud investigations

By Angela Mackay and Andrew Finkel

BRITISH attempts to bring back Asil Nadir to face trial were rebuffed by the government of the self-styled Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus yesterday as the Serious Fraud Office sought to fend off criticism.

"No words can express the happiness I feel coming back to my people," said Mr Nadir, 51, as he prepared to celebrate at a family home in the village of Lapta where he arrived on Tuesday night after jumping bail of £3.5 million.

By coincidence, several leading figures in the British legal establishment, including Barbara Mills, Director of Public Prosecutions, George Staple, director of the Serious Fraud Office, and Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, are attending a Commonwealth Law Conference less than 20 miles away in Nicosia.

The Foreign Office sent the British High Commissioner in Greek Cyprus, David Dain, to lodge an official appeal for Mr Nadir's return with Rauf Denktas, the Turkish-Cypriot leader. But Mr Denktasmade it clear he would not be intervening.

The fraud office, clearly embarrassed by Mr Nadir's flight, emphasised that it had opposed bail at the businessman's first court appearance in 1990 because of fears that he would abscond. In a statement, the fraud office said it had "consistently and strenuously opposed Mr Nadir's applications for the return of his passports, continuing to assert a real fear that he might abscond". Last night there were calls by Labour politicians for an enquiry.

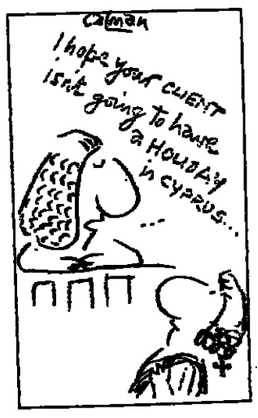
Police sources said they had always been confident that Mr Nadir would try to leave the country and that the granting of bail had made it possible.

The fraud office will make an application to the court today for Mr Nadir's arrest. However, the warrant is not effective unless Mr Nadir returns to Britain.

Mr Nadir, whose master company Polly Peck collapsed in 1990 owing £1.3 billion, fled Britain on a leased aircraft on Tuesday, arriving in northern Cyprus late in the evening. The fraud office is investigating his departure and conflicting accounts of his route. He was met at Ercan airport by his sister, Bilge, and a politician, Mustafa Erbilen.

It is believed that Mr Nadir finally felt compelled to flee because he was facing imprisonment for failing to comply with orders from the court relating to his bankruptcy. Mr Nadir is believed to have several millions in sterling at his disposal and had been detected moving these funds through various accounts.

The trustee in bankruptcy, Neil Cooper, said he had not received any satisfactory explanation from Mr Nadir on how his wealth had been dissipated. "Mr Nadir's wealth appears to be substantial and amounts to many millions of pounds located in various jurisdictions," he said, adding that the case had been "full of surprises" and despite Mr Nadir's departure, he would continue to pursue the assets.



Mr Nadir, who is facing 13 counts of theft amounting to £30 million, was bailed on sureties raised by his former wife, Ayesha, a childhood friend, Ramadan Guney, and from his own resources. The former face up to five years in prison if they do not pay.

Mehmet Ali Akpinar, editor-in-chief of the Nadir-owned *Kibris* newspaper, assured the media laying siege to Mr Nadir's home in Lapta, that their prey would meet them in a week.

The former chairman of Polly Peck has always had a mixed reception in the Turkish and northern Cypriot press of which he once owned a substantial piece. Antipathy turned into sympathy for the man some believed to be the victim of a Greek Cypriot plot. However, sympathy for the man who voluntarily returned to Britain to face the music is turning sour now he has run away.

The fear is that Mr Nadir may have saved himself at the expense of giving the international community an excuse to put pressure on the north in their negotiations with the Greek south. The additional worry is that the problem of Mr Nadir's extradition will strain northern Cyprus's relations with Ankara.

Until now,Turkey has refrained from forcing MrDenktas to sign the sort of deal that would ease Turkey's relations with the European Community. Turkey, alone in recognising northern Cyprus, is the only country to have an extradition agreement.

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Euro rebels force Major to retreat

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

A LEGAL fight over ratification of the Maastricht treaty, stretching to the House of Lords, became a grim prospect for the government last night after it staged a Commons climbdown to avoid certain defeat over the social chapter.

Elated Conservative Euro-rebels confirmed that court action would shortly be launched after Douglas Hurd announced acceptance of a contentious amendment deleting Britain's formal opt-out from the social chapter.

In spite of the foreign secretary's insistence that the amendment would not prevent eventual ratification of the treaty, the government conceded last night that court action could force a delay. The humiliating retreat means that John Major's hopes of ratifying the treaty by the autumn could be disrupted.

At the same time, the Eurosceptics voiced optimism that ratification could be ruled illegal by judges because of conflict between the Maastricht legislation, to be passed by Parliament, and the treaty that the government intended to ratify.

If that occurred, the government would have to consider introducing a short bill in the next session of parliament bringing domestic law into line with the treaty. The government already faces the hurdle of a separate vote on the social chapter after the bill becomes law; this follows its acceptance of two amendments earlier in the proceedings on the bill.

The latest extraordinary development in the Maastricht affair came after Mr Hurd executed a stylish retreat to avoid a certain government

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Group 4 prisoner near death

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

A REMAND prisoner from Britain's first private jail, run by Group 4, was on a life-support machine last night after being found unconscious in the cubicle of a Group 4 van. As doctors carried out tests on James Hogg to see if there was any brain activity, three enquiries were under way into how he became unconscious.

Mr Hogg, aged 38, from Dundee, had appeared at Rotherham magistrates court on a drugs charge. Prison service reports claimed that he had been drinking alcohol from a water bottle.

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Milosevic says Bosnian Serbs have won and calls for peace

Tim Judah in Pale and Our Political Staff

SLOBODAN Milosevic, the Serbian president, told Bosnian Serb deputies yesterday that they held the fate of the entire Serbian people in their hands and that they must ratify the Vance-Owen peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Mr Milosevic was in Pale, appealing directly to the Bosnian Serbs to accept the plan and so stave off foreign military intervention. He was joined by President Cosic of the rump Yugoslavia, and Constantine Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister. The three leaders demanded that the assembly ratify the plan initialled by Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader in Athens on Sunday.

"Your signature is in the interest of the whole Serbian people," Mr Milosevic said. He told the deputies, who were meeting at their ski resort headquarters, that they had already won their fight for "liberty and equality". They should support the plan now, he added, because in areas from which Serb forces withdraw, United Nations "blue berets", rather than Muslim or Croat troops, will take over.

☐ British troops could not be guaranteed a "bullet-free" zone if ordered to Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of a UN force to police the Athens peace deal, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, told the Commons yesterday. Giving the first detailed insight into the government's plans to contribute some 10,000 British soldiers from Nato's Rapid Reaction Force towards a UN-sanctioned army of 70,000 peacekeepers, the foreign secretary sought to reassure MPs by saying the troops would not have to fight their way into the country in the face of armed opposition.

Sources in Westminster meanwhile told *The Times* yesterday that Britain would send an extra 6,000 troops to a peacekeeping operation.As *The Times* disclosed yesterday, ministers would not halt the mission if a formal ceasefire was breached by local commanders acting alone.

Mr Hurd said: "We can't guarantee a bullet-free situation. But we are not talking about an operation enforcing the Vance-Owen plan by pushing the Serbs out of areas they are now sitting in." He also hinted at the prospect of Russian troops operating under Nato control.

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Second exam council member steps down

By John O'Leary, Education Correspondent

JOHN Marenbon, the Cambridge don responsible for the English tests which provoked the schools dispute, resigned as a government adviser yesterday after failing to secure the withdrawal of an "inadequate and unfair" paper.

Dr Marenbon is the second member of the School Examinations and Assessment Council (Seac) to resign in two days, leaving it with 13 members. His departure will redouble the pressure on John Patten, the education secretary, to scrap this year's tests at 14, which are likely to be boycotted in most schools.

Like Lord Skidelsky, who left the council on Tuesday, Dr Marenbon also criticised the overall style of testing and the constitution of the curriculum review being carried out by Sir Ron Dearing, who heads the council. He told Mr Patten in his letter of resignation that the enquiry could not carry out the "thorough reconsideration of basic principles which is needed if national testing is to survive".

Dr Marenbon, who chaired Seac's English panel, said he had no alternative but to resign because he could no longer support the tests for 14-year-olds in his subject. "I admire your fortitude and tenacity in the face of criticism from all sides. Yet I am forced to conclude that many of those who advise you are too keen to tell you what they believe you want to hear, and that those advisers who would be candid can express their loyalty to you only by resigning their positions — as I do now."

English has been the main source of controversy since

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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Bully boy tactics fail to unseat trouserless Hurd

Well, well, there we are, smiled the Liberals' Sir Russell Johnston laconically, as Douglas Hurd sat down. MPs were debating amendment 2, designed to queer the Maastricht pitch.

We did not, of course, know where we were. We had no more idea where we were than before the foreign secretary stood up. All we knew was that we had watched two distinctive parliamentary performers, one in brutish advance, the other in elegant flight.

There *is* something brutish about Jack Cunningham. Though he dresses with style and moves — a suave, handsome fellow — with a sort of lounge-suited self-assurance, he retains the air of a proprietor of a gambling club: ready to ingratiate himself with a duke, but quick to corner a troublesome debtor in the lavatories and smash in his teeth.

Labour's shadow foreign secretary spoke yesterday in the manner of a sententious bully: a deputy head boy, recently appointed, with seven half-way decent O levels and second place in the inter-schools 400 metre hurdles behind him. Never far from the surface was an undertone of menace, born of the knowledge that, this time, he had the troops.

Every syllable was stressed, and punctuated by an ugly glottal stop. European became E*eyur*-ep *Ian* — as though he had a smaller boy by the ear, and was twisting it slowly round, one yank per syllable, as he spoke.

He was ramming home a clumsy argument with great self-confidence, knowing he could rely for its success in the division lobbies upon people who would vote that the moon was made of blue cheese, if that discomfited the government.

Once or twice he was interrupted. On these occasions Cunningham turns on backbenchers nastily, fast, and at the slightest provocation. He is quick to become personal. To Edwina Currie, who crossed swords with him over what was supposed to be the real debate — the social chapter — he sneered that he doubted she would succeed in her hopes of becoming a Euro-MP.

On and on he went, jeering at the foreign secretary; but Douglas Hurd refused to look up, airily leafing through a sheaf of papers as if engrossed in a superior French novel — Proust perhaps, or Stendhal.

He was in fact preparing his retreat. The retreat, when it came, was performed with great elegance, but nothing concealed the pain.

It will be called "dignified" by the press but it was not really dignified. The amendment was tiresome, he said; it was undesirable; but it was irrelevant. It would have been "preferable" to leave the clause intact, "to avoid possible confusions"; but it was not necessary.

The foreign secretary stood there like a man deprived of his trousers but not his poise, arguing with style that it would have been preferable not to go out to dinner in his mauve polka-dotted boxer shorts — to avoid possible confusions.

For the sake of neatness it would have been desirable to wear trousers. But it was not necessary. He was not going to give his enemies the satisfaction of depriving him of his dinner, by cancelling on grounds of trouserlessness alone. To dinner he would go then, trouserless.

"I was in sackcloth and ashes last time, and I am not going to wear them again," he told Cunningham. We reflected that the foreign secretary cannot feel as confident as he pretends: but, whenever Mr Hurd does appear in sackcloth and ashes, the sackcloth will be expensively cut and the ashes of the finest quality.

Major tells editors to dip their pens in kindliness

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister yesterday joined the BBC news debate and came down on the side of Martyn Lewis, the newscaster who is calling for the reporting of more good news.

"People want the news. They want to be informed, but they want the good news as well," John Major told an audience of provincial newspaper editors at the Newspaper Society in London. "You can brighten lives or blight them so I hope you will dip your pens in kindliness and tolerance when writing of those citizens. You record the real Britain, so be a recording angel."

But the prime minister showed clearly that he has been hurt by the pummelling he has taken in the press since his general election victory last year. Much of what appears in national newspapers was like "acid rain", he said. In spite of his irritation at the criticism he has faced, Mr Major hinted that he would reject many of the recommendations of the Calcutt commission on the conduct of the press and refrain from punitive measures.

He welcomed the latest moves by the self-regulatory Press Complaints Commission to improve journalistic standards. Under a new code, journalists should identify themselves, the use of long-range cameras will be restricted and most members of the commission will come from outside the industry. The new code was a "positive move", he said. But, indicating that the industry was still on probation, Mr Major added: "We will keep a particularly close eye on how effectively and widely the new measures are implemented."

Mr Major drew a distinction between the national and local press. Local papers often outperformed the nationals because they drew communities together.

The prime minister was less generous about national newspapers. "The best of the national press can be very good, even though it may not thunder like *The Times* of Delane [its editor for 36 years in the Victorian era]. But often it drizzles ... and drizzles acid rain at that."

Mr Major employed a literary allusion from Trollope, his favourite author, to warn his critics that they would not go answered. Like Quintus Slide, the unprincipled editor of a scandal sheet in the Barchester chronicles, they would be confronted.

"Quintus Slide was very fierce with politicians. And politicians are sometimes very fierce with the Quintus Slides."

The fictional Mr Slide lived by the precept that if a story was true, he had the right to print it. If it was not true, he had the right to publish the allegation. Saying that there was "a common climate of anxiety about malevolent abuse", Mr Major implied that some of today's editors were little better than Mr Slide.

The prime minister reiterated his commitment to open government. He said that he would confound Sir Humphrey, the devious mandarin from the *Yes, Minister* television series, who said that it was possible to have openness or government, but not both. New proposals for opening up the workings of government and the public services to scrutiny would be published in the summer, Mr Major said.

Despite his evident mistrust of large sections of the press, Mr Major managed a joke at his own expense. He said he shared a "sympathy and kinship" with newspapers because politicians and journalists were rooted together at the bottom of the league table of public esteem.

Major warns against house price spiral

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

HOUSE prices rose 1.6 per cent in April, the largest monthly rise for four years according to the Halifax building society, as John Major gave a warning against a return to the housing market conditions of the late eighties.

In a speech in London, the prime minister said he was delighted to see signs of stability in the housing market, with rising prices and growth in mortgage business. Both the number and value of loans promised in the first quarter of the year were more than 25 per cent up on the previous three months, according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders yesterday.

But in the Harry Simpson Memorial Lecture, Mr Major said: "We do not want a return to the conditions of the late 1980s market. Increased numbers of sales, and more stable prices, are the best route forward for the housing market. We are helping moves towards this with low inflation and low interest rates."

The Halifax predicted that the recovery would be in line with the government's hopes. Jim Murgatroyd of the building society said: "We continue to believe the recovery will not be strong — certainly no boom is in prospect — and will only be maintained if house sellers continue to set realistic prices for their properties.

"It is probable now that house prices will show a small increase in 1993 as a whole and they could then rise in line with average earnings in the economy next year."

Mr Murgatroyd said the 1.6 per cent rise was the best since November 1988.

Mark Boleat, director general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said: "The first quarter marked a significant improvement over the depressed level of activity experienced in the final quarter of last year.

"With evidence of a recovery in the wider economy becoming increasingly apparent, the likelihood is for a further solid improvement in housing market activity over the coming months."

☐ John Major yesterday scorned critics of his handling of the economy, saying that his tough anti-inflationary stance was the foundation for the recovery rather than the humiliating forced devaluation of the pound.

At a Newspaper Society lunch in London, he said: "It was the long hard slog to get inflation down, from nearly 11 per cent to just 1.9 per cent, that laid the foundation for recovery. We started that process before we joined the exchange-rate mechanism. And the benefits had started to come through before we left."

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MICHAEL POWELL



Hopeful encounter: Rhys and his mother after meeting Mr al-Fayed yesterday

Transplant boy offered treatment on NHS

BY IAN MURRAY

RHYS Daniels, the two-year-old boy who needs a bone-marrow transplant this summer to save his life, was offered treatment on the NHS in Bristol yesterday.

Health service officials also promised to find a new home for the world's leading bone-marrow unit from Westminster Children's Hospital, which was closed down at the beginning of last month before it could treat Rhys.

The two offers came as Mohammed al-Fayed, chairman of Harrods, met the Daniels family and promised to pay all their medical and legal expenses and to donate enough to re-establish the special unit wherever experts agree it will be most useful.

Rhys has Batten's disease, which will kill him by the time he is seven if he is not treated before symptoms appear. Charly, his five-year-old sister, also has the disease and is showing signs of dementia and blindness.

The government refused to move the Westminster unit as promised to the new Chelsea and Westminster hospital because building costs there were £100 million over budget. The family has been given leave to ask for an order in the High Court requiring Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, to reopen the unit. Even if the order is made, it will be too late for Rhys.

The offer of treatment starting on May 16 came from Dr Tony Oakhill, consultant at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children. The hospital has a high level of expertise in transplants from donors who are not related to the patient, although it lacks the experience of the Westminster unit in treating Batten's disease.



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the national curriculum was introduced in 1988. Two models of testing have been rejected in the past three years, and the latest version had to be rewritten after trial papers were leaked. The curriculum itself was revised last month.

Mr Patten said the latest tests had been approved by the council only last month. "So I was extremely surprised and sorry to receive Dr Marenbon's resignation. He has not been directly in contact with me, education minister Lady Blatch, or the department over this issue."

Dr Marenbon, however, said he had made "repeated requests" for a paper testing prior reading of a set anthology and prescribed texts by Shakespeare and other authors to be postponed and rewritten. Although there had been some further revision, he still considered the tests unsatisfactory and regretted that the issue had not been discussed by the full council.

"The inadequacy of this paper raises a deeper problem," he added. "It shows very clearly that, at least in a subject such as English, your laudable aim of introducing simple, accurate, unbureaucratic methods of testing is incompatible with the ten-point scale and the general framework of the national curriculum as it now stands."

CORRECTIONS

In some editions yesterday, photographs of Lord Skidelsky, Nelson Mandela and Markus Wolf were incorrectly captioned. We apologise for the error.

An article by Simon Jenkins yesterday incorrectly referred to the Ribble Valley by-election, instead of that at Epping Forest.

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defeat over the social chapter amendment on which it had tried for weeks to avoid a vote.

To jeers, he explained that the government would "acquiesce" in the amendment because it did not wish to give its opponents the "entirely synthetic victory they crave".

However, ministers surrendered in order to avoid an embarrassing setback on the eve of local elections and the Newbury by-election.

The mood of ministers was not improved by the disclosure that Baroness Thatcher is expected today to appear at a press conference to announce the results of the national telephone campaign for a referendum on the treaty. "Beautifully timed as usual," one minister said last night.

Mr Hurd had told the Commons that neither the Tory rebels nor the opposition parties would achieve their objectives from the amendment. It would not prevent the government from ratifying the treaty or force it to incorporate the social chapter on workers' rights. The only common purpose of the amendment's supporters was to inflict a defeat on the government, he said.

Government sources conceded that "it would be for the lawyers to fight out" whether the court action would have implications for the timing of ratification. Much depends on when the legal action, challenging the Attorney-General's ruling that the amendment would not prevent ratification, begins.

A Conservative rebel, Tony Marlow, MP for Northampton North, said: "The government has come before us with a treaty. The House has torn some pages out of the treaty. How then, given the sovereignty of this House, can the government ratify the treaty with the pages torn out?"

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Father still missing after family murders

Detectives investigating the murders of a mother and her two young children are interviewing friends and relatives to establish a motive as their hunt continued last night for the woman's missing husband. Dennis Garvey, 43, disappeared after the murders of his wife Julie, who was found battered to death, and her children Benjamin, 4, and Hannah, 2, at their home in the village of Teddington, near Tewkesbury.

There have been several reported sightings of Mr Garvey, a computer technician, and his blue Volvo estate car, but police still have no idea what has happened to him since the murders were discovered by the family nanny on Tuesday morning. Det Supt Peter Shayle, who is leading the murder investigation, said: "This seems to have been a normal happy family and I am concerned for the welfare of Mr Garvey and keen to trace him as soon as possible."

Police throughout Britain have been alerted and a watch is being maintained at air and sea ports. Mr Garvey has not visited his holiday caravan in Wales nor contacted his relatives.

Watts inquest opens

The body of Sir Roy Watts, recovered from the Thames on Tuesday, had probably been in the water for a week, an inquest at Poplar, east London, was told yesterday. Sir Roy, 67, chairman of Thames Water, went missing from his London flat on Tuesday of last week. The inquest was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

School rape charge

A boy aged 15 was yesterday accused of raping a girl aged 16 in the toilets of a school in Lambeth, southwest London. The boy, alleged to have carried out the attack on January 27, appeared at Camberwell youth court where he was also accused of two indecent assaults on the girl. He was granted bail and will appear at Balham youth court on June 7.

Six quizzed over killing

Police were questioning six men yesterday about the killing of Benji Stanley, the schoolboy shot as he queued at a takeaway food shop in Moss Side, Manchester, four months ago. Benji, who was 14, is thought to have been the innocent victim of a drugs war. The six men were among 13 people arrested in raids in the city yesterday morning.

Couple win £1.8m

A newly-wed couple from Portsmouth collected a cheque for £1,803,297 yesterday after winning the pools. Paul and Teresa Pitt, aged 26 and 25, who had forgotten to check their coupon, were told of their success in a telephone call from Littlewoods. Mrs Pitt said: "We'll be able to pay off our mortgage and go on a nice holiday somewhere in the sun."

Safe in a Cypriot haven: Asil Nadir has left his backers in trouble as he flees from British justice

Ex-wife and old friend face jail or losing £1.5m

A bill now before Parliament is expected to help to change the circumstances which allowed Asil Nadir to flee

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

ASIL Nadir's former wife Ayesha and a childhood friend face forfeiting cash and jewellery worth a total of £1.5 million or going to prison for up to five years if the bankrupt founder of the Polly Peck empire refuses to return for trial in Britain.

Lawyers for the Serious Fraud Office will today report Mr Nadir's flight to the self-styled Turkish republic of Northern Cyprus and his breach of bail to Mr Justice Macpherson at the Old Bailey. They may ask for a bench warrant allowing police to arrest Mr Nadir and bring him to court for breaking the conditions of his remand.

According to Roger Ede, an expert on bail with the Law Society, if Mr Nadir does not

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appear for trial his flight will cease to be a breach of bail and become a criminal offence of absconding from trial. At this stage his two sureties would then face the loss of their money. Whoever helped Mr Nadir might also face criminal charges.

Ramadan Guney, owner of Britain's largest private cemetary at Brookwood, Surrey, said yesterday he could face bankruptcy for putting up £1 million towards Mr Nadir's record £3.5 million bail more than two years ago. Mr Guney said he felt "let down" by one of his oldest friends.

"At the moment I am trying to find out exactly what has happened and have some people in Cyprus who will be trying to make contact with Mr Nadir. I have known him since he was a child. My father is a distant relation. I feel very disappointed. I don't know who is to blame for him being able to leave the country."

Another £500,000 was pledged by Mr Nadir's former wife, who told Sir David Hopkin, then chief stipendiary magistrate in London, she could meet the amount by selling jewellery and antiques. Yesterday she was not available for comment and was reported to be out of Britain. Mr Nadir himself lodged £2 million with his solicitors.

Mrs Nadir and Mr Guney could lose their money unless they persuade a court not to hold them to the sureties. If they cannot pay the cash, they face up to five years in prison.

The bail was set in December 1990 at Bow Street magistrates court. Bail can only be refused if the prosecution can show the accused might flee, interfere with witnesses or carry out fresh crime. Sir David turned down pleas by the SFO for bail to be refused. The SFO said yesterday it had fought against bail, arguing that Mr Nadir might abscond to to Northern Cyprus, which has no diplomatic links with Britain.

The SFO could not appeal. A private member's bill is going through Parliament to allow a prosecution to challenge a magistrate's decision to give bail before a judge.

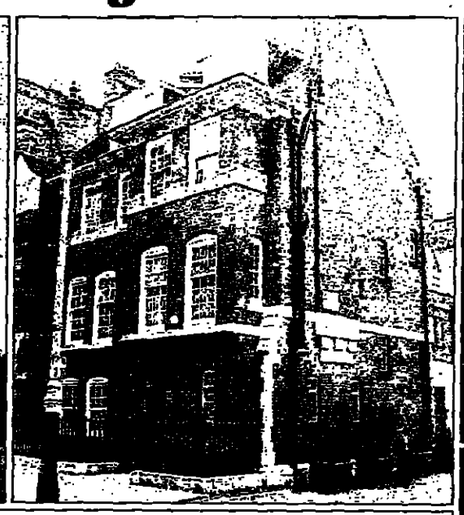
It took Mr Nadir three days to raise the sureties. He was released on condition he surrendered his British and Turkish passports, lived at his West End address, did not apply for any travel documents and reported daily to police.

In 1991 the conditions were varied to allow Mr Nadir to travel in Britain after giving the police notice. He was also allowed to report to the police once a week. He tried to get his passport back supported by administrators of the Polly Peck empire hoping to find assets in Cyprus. Both Bow Street and a High Court judge turned him down.

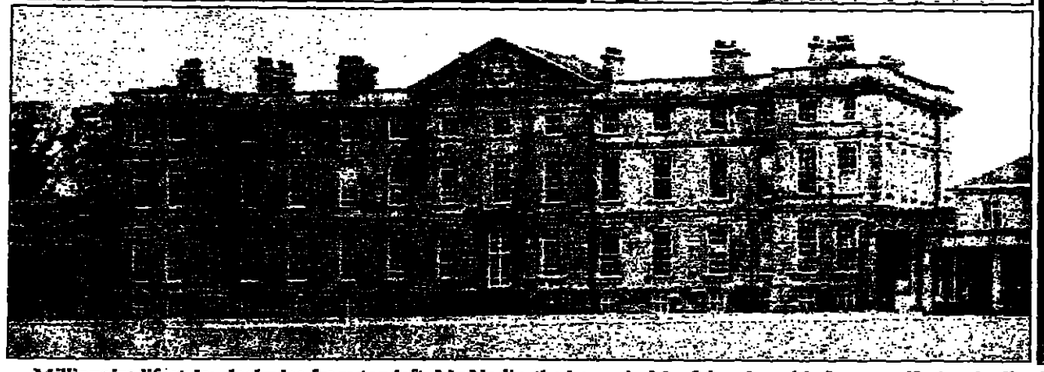
Officially Mr Nadir was last seen on Monday evening when he reported as usual to West End central police station. His case had last been examined during preparatory hearings at the Old Bailey on 17 April. The case has been delayed because Mr Nadir said he had been unwell. It was due to start in September.

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Millionaire lifestyle: clockwise from top left, Mr Nadir, the house in Mayfair, where his former wife Ayesha lived, his old friend Ramadan Guney, who put up some of the £3.5 million bail, and his former mansion at Burley-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, bought for £7 million

Village lad went from rag trade to renegade

BY ANGELA MACKAY

ASIL Nadir spent his first afternoon in the self-styled Turkish republic of Northern Cyprus taking tea with his mother, Safiye, at the family home in Lapta, a village in the mountains behind the port of Kyrenia.

He has a close relationship with his 72-year-old mother. It was the first time since 1991 that they had been together at the large stone house in the middle of the village, which has benefited hugely from his largesse during the past 20 years and is the stronghold of pro-Nadir sentiment.

Mr Nadir's father Irfan was an ice-cream vendor on the island before rapidly expanding his interests to include a supermarket, a bus service and a cafes. Political unrest drove him to London's East End and the clothing trade in the early sixties.

Mr Nadir, who was born in Famagusta in 1947, finished his schooling in Istanbul and played in a pop band called the Asils before joining his father in business.

Along the way he married Ayesha, a beautiful 16-year-old. They were divorced after about ten years and then repeated the process, divorcing a second time after about five years ago. They had two sons and she has remained a staunch supporter, attending court with him and putting up £500,000 of his £3.5 million bail. Mr Nadir also has two sons by a mistress.

He made a fortune for himself and investors before his master company, Polly Peck International, collapsed in October 1990 owing £1.3 billion. The stock market statistics are impressive. A stake bought for £1,000 in 1979 was worth

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more than £1 million in 1989. Mr Nadir's first success was a clothing company, Wearwell, based in the East End's Commercial Road. But the property slump of the mid-1970s almost proved his undoing after he bought several buildings near by.

In 1980, a Nadir company based in Jersey, Restro Investment, took control of another loss-making clothing manufacturer, Polly Peck, bidding 9p a share on the stock market. One year later, the shares were trading at 350p and Asil was established.

Within four years, Polly Peck became a fruit packing, mineral water and electronics group. Its shares touched a high of £35.75 but dropped sharply after accusations by the Cyprus government that the company was involved in seizing Greek Cypriot property in the north of the island. Mr Nadir emerged tarnished but unbowed and later merged Polly Peck with Wearwell, doubling the size of the group.

For all this big business, Mr Nadir never penetrated the inner sanctum of the City establishment. He was considered too smooth, too successful and too close to politicians in Turkey and Northern Cyprus. He donated large sums to the Conservative party in the hope this would buy him acceptance.

The empire started to unravel in August 1990 when he said he wanted to take Polly Peck private. This prompted unprecedented scrutiny of the company, culminating in police raids on a subsidiary and the head office. Mr Nadir was later arrested and faces 13 charges of theft amounting to £64 million.

The final ignominy was bankruptcy in November 1991 and an injunction freezing £378 million of Mr Nadir's assets.

Departure broke air rules

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

ASIL Nadir's flight to freedom left few clues.

He was driven to an airfield near London, threw his bags into the luggage compartment of a business jet, and disappeared.

His pilot, possibly brought over from Turkey, would not even have had to file a flight plan if he convinced air traffic controllers that he would keep out of commercial airlanes and stay within British airspace. Mr Nadir was soon at Ercan airport in northern Cyprus and taken to a safe house.

The pilot broke every rule in the book. By flying internationally, probably

THE FLIGHT

straying into protected airspace, he should have filed a full flight plan. He should also have kept in touch with ground controllers and landed first in Turkey for permission to land at Ercan airport.

Police were last night faced with a mass of confusing clues, many emanating from Turkey. It was suggested that the aircraft, possibly a Learjet, had taken off from Scotland, but there was no evidence of this. Then a report — flatly denied — said Mr Nadir had left from Hatfield on a flight operated by a company known as Air Station.

The Civil Aviation Authority were asked to check to see if a flight plan had been filed. But with thousands of private flights logged each day, the main air traffic control computer at West Drayton wipes them from its memory after 12 hours. The jet probably "hedge-hopped", keeping below 3,000 ft, away from military zones and so of no interest to air traffic controllers.

I thought he loved his country enough to go somewhere else, a friend says

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND ANDREW FINKEL

ASIL Nadir may be a fugitive from justice in Britain, but in the self-declared republic of Northern Cyprus he is Robin Hood, a man who took from the City of London to give to the beleaguered economy of his Mediterranean island and whose break for freedom is seen as exciting as any escapade in Sherwood Forest.

Northern Cyprus, recognised only by Turkey and having no extradition treaty with Britain, gives Mr Nadir a base where he has extensive business interests and three homes, including a fabulous villa overlooking the Mediterranean. He is also cherished locally as the man whose Midas touch helped to bolster an otherwise stagnant economy and who still keeps nearly 5,000 people in work out of a population of about 150,000.

Turkish Cypriot authorities confirmed yesterday that there was little chance Britain would be able to prise away Mr Nadir, which is not something that causes universal delight among his countrymen, as there is a fear that his decision to jump bail will set back a bid for respectability and play into the Greek side's hands in current UN negotiations. Bulent Semiler, a Northern

VIEW FROM CYPRUS

Cypriot buinessman and close friend of Mr Nadir, said: "I thought he loved his country enough to go somewhere else." A diplomat said that the Turkish Cypriots were caught between a rock and a hard place. "They don't want to appear a rebel state by not handing him over, but at the same time he is popular and well connected."

When Mr Nadir's private jet touched down at Ercan airport, he was met by his sister, Bilge Nevzad, and by Mustafa Erbilen, a high ranking deputy in the ruling National Unity Party (NUP). "It is the nearest thing you can get to an official reception," the diplomat commented.

Mr Nadir has kept close to the NUP and to Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash. In 1990 he helped to finance Mr Denktash's presidential campaign and his printing presses run off hundreds of posters of the leader.

When Polly Peck came unstuck in 1990, its sophisticated London-based administrators found themselves battling fierce island loyalty to the Nadir cause. To the citrus growers of Morphou, keeping the accountants away from the books took on the same sense of patriotic duty as defending their self-declared country from the Greek south. Visitors from the City, hoping to unravel the web of companies within companies, often found the locals distinctly unhelpful.

Polly Peck's assets are estimated to be worth tens of millions of pounds. They include hotels, plants processing 100,000 tonnes of citrus a year and a cardboard packing facility. Local court orders block any sale, however, even if a buyer willing to invest in Northern Cyprus could be found.

Mr Nadir's defenders believe that it was Greek Cypriots who engineered Polly Peck's collapse. And alongside those who benefited from his largesse were Turkish Cypriots who resented Mr Nadir's bolstering of the Denktash government. Polly Peck's conversion of northern Cyprus into an off-shore haven was itself an obstacle to the island's eventual re-unification with the south.

Now the concern is that Mr Nadir's latest act is an admission of guilt which will try the patience of even the north's one remaining friend, Turkey.

Cyprus embarrassment for legal chiefs

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU

AS the fugitive Asil Nadir threw a party at his villa in Lapta in Northern Cyprus last night to celebrate his freedom, 350 dinner-suited guests took their seats at a banquet 20 miles to the south at the Hilton Hotel in Nicosia. One of the principal guests was Lord Mackay of

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Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor.

Also present were George Staple, director of the Serious Fraud Office, Barbara Mills QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions who had Mr Nadir arrested in 1990, and Rodger Pannone, vice president of the Law Society and Mr Nadir's defence solicitor.

As the Crown's principal legal officers and administrators sipped champagne, the irony of the venue of the 10th Commonwealth Law Conference was not lost on them.

Indeed, Mr Pannone was late for the dinner given by the Cyprus Bar in the elegant Berengria ballroom because his office was constantly telephoning him in room 442 to discuss the embarrassing situation facing him.

He said: "Undoubtedly Mr Nadir has been under a great deal of pressure, but the fact that I am in Cyprus has nothing to do with his being in the northern part of the island.

"The Lord Chancellor, the director of the SFO and the DPP have, like myself, been booked here for a long time.

"You should read no more into our being here than the fact that we agreed many months ago to give papers to the conference. I certainly have no plans to visit or contact Mr Nadir."

Meanwhile, his client was throwing a big party of his own at his sumptuous villa on the other side of the "green line", tantalisingly close, but as out of reach as if he had been in mid-ocean.



Mills: "a strange coincidence"

While the internationally recognised government of Cyprus has an extradition treaty with Britain, the breakaway self-declared Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus does not.

"Indeed, it's a strange coincidence," said Lord Mackay. "We have to think very hard about what we can do. The situation in Cyprus is very difficult and delicate."

Lord Mackay was in touch with David Dain, the British High Commissioner, yesterday, but declined to say what he thought of the Turkish Cypriot authorities' refusal to hand over Mr Nadir.

He said he was not planning to extend his stay on the island.

Barbara Mills, the former head of the Serious Fraud Office, chaired a conference session on Tuesday entitled Rising Crime in the Commonwealth.

She said: "I've no feelings on the matter. I thought it was a very strange coincidence, and a very unusual time for it to have happened."

Speaking in the lobby of the hotel, Mrs Mills, wearing a bright pink business suit, added: "The Nadir inquiry had started shortly before I arrived at the fraud office in September, 1990. Really, I have nothing to do with it now." She left the fraud office in May last year.

Mr Staple, who had earlier chaired a session at the conference on commercial crime, was not available for comment.

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Imbert defends his Guildford Four confession notes

BY A STAFF REPORTER

SIR Peter Imbert, the former Metropolitan Police commissioner, said yesterday his record of one of the Guildford Four confessing to planting a pub bomb which killed five people was "as accurate as one could humanly make it".

Sir Peter was appearing at the Old Bailey at the request of lawyers defending three former Surrey police officers accused of perverting the course of justice by lying under oath. Former Det Chief Insp Thomas Style, 59, former Det Sgt John Donaldson, 57, and former Det Const Vernon Attwell, 52, deny the charges.

The prosecution alleges that notes of an interview with Patrick Armstrong, which the former officers said were written contemporaneously, were written up later from roughly typed notes.

Sir Peter told the jury that at the time of the Guildford pub bombs in October 1974, he was a detective superintendent in the newly formed bomb squad.

Sir Peter knew that Paul Hill, one of the Guildford Four, had confessed to Surrey officers about his part in a murder in Belfast and about his involvement in the Guildford bombs.

Sir Peter said he and other senior officers travelled to Guildford to interview Hill about another bomb in Woolwich, southeast London, in November 1974. Hill admitted for the first time going on the Woolwich bombing mission and but claimed that Armstrong hurled the bomb. Hill also indicated where Armstrong could be found, Sir Peter said.

Sir Peter said he and senior bomb squad detectives interviewed Armstrong after he was arrested and had confessed his part in the Guildford bombings to Surrey police. Sir Peter, who wrote shorthand, recorded the interview in which Armstrong admitted going with Carole Richardson into one of the Guildford pubs and planting the bomb. Armstrong denied being on the bombing.



Sir Peter: shorthand "was accurate"

Asked by Edmund Lawson QC, for the defence, if his shorthand record was a truthful account of the interview, Sir Peter said: "It was as accurate as one could humanly make it."

Mr Lawson said: "Was that confession obtained by the use or threat of violence?" Sir Peter replied: "None at all."

The Guildford Four — Armstrong, Hill, Richardson and Gerard Conlon — were jailed for life in 1975, but were released in 1989 after the Court of Appeal quashed their convictions.

Sir Peter told the court he had also interviewed Richardson and she repeated what she had admitted to other officers — her part in the Guildford bombing.

The day after the Guildford Four's conviction, Sir Peter said he received a message saying Conlon wanted to see someone from the bomb squad. Conlon then "went into considerable detail about [IRA] personalities and places". A week later, in a two-hour interview secretly tape-recorded by police, Conlon gave even more information.

The case was adjourned until today.



Wealth of talent: French and Saunders, whose lucrative deal will tie them to the BBC

BBC pays £2m to keep comedy duo

FROM ALEXANDRA FREAN IN MONTREUX

THE BBC has signed a ground-breaking five-year contract with the comedians Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders in an effort to stop the talent it has nurtured moving to independent television.

The deal, believed to be worth about £2 million, will prevent the duo from working for any other British television station, but will give them freedom to develop new programmes, including serious drama.

It is the longest and most expensive BBC contract of its kind, and demonstrates the corporation's determination to see off competition from ITV and cable and satellite stations that are eager to poach their biggest stars.

Last month Phillip Schofield, who presented the children's programme *Going Live*, signed a £1 million, three-year contract with Carlton Television and LWT to appear in a wide range of programmes. Noel Edmonds, whose family show *Noel's House Party* is one of BBC1's most successful programes, is negotiating a new contract with the corporation and is being wooed by ITV for a rumoured £3 million.

Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, announced the French and Saunders contract at the Golden Rose television festival in Montreux, Switzerland. He said that the comedy duo, whom he championed when he was controller of BBC2, were a "particularly rare breed of entertainment".

Mr Yentob did not think they were in danger of defecting to independent television, but "everyone has approaches from everyone all the time". He added: "In these days of hop, skip and jump deals this contract represents a real commitment."

Under the contract, French and Saunders will produce an average of two of their comedy series a year as well as work on separate projects. "They will do the shows they feel passionately about and if they want to experiment with new things they will do so," Mr Yentob said.

He was hopeful that Noel Edmonds would sign a new contract soon. He denied that the deal had been difficult to agree, but joked: "It is a courtship that the BBC's natural history unit would love to have filmed."

☐ Mr Yentob announced that *EastEnders* will be shown three times a week instead of two, following the example of ITV's *Coronation Street* and *The Bill*.

He would not reveal the new times of the soap opera, but said that it would help to fill the gap left by the demise of its Spanish counterpart, Eldorado. New families may be introduced to fill the extra time.

Windsor Castle 'is still a fire hazard'

BY TONY DAWE

WINDSOR Castle, which has been attracting record numbers of visitors this year, remains a fire hazard despite safety measures taken since the £40 million blaze, the Berkshire county fire officer has reported.

As royal officials yesterday entered the dispute over safety at the castle prior to last November's fire, Garth Scotford, Berkshire's fire chief, listed the faults which still exist.

In his report to Her Majesty's chief fire inspector, Mr Scotford said measures to stop fire and smoke spreading through large areas of the castle are "totally absent or ineffective" and even those fire doors which have been provided are not fitted with smoke seals.

The report claimed that few fire exits are indicated in the state rooms open to the public, which contain furnishings and panelling which are not fire resistant.

Mr Scotford pointed out that the fire brigade had no statutory obligations for fire precautions in the castle because it is a Crown property and immune from prosecution under the fire regulations.

The report and the dispute over ignored safety warnings at the castle led the Chief Fire Officers' Association to renew its call yesterday for the lifting of Crown immunity from fire laws. Terry Glossop, chief officer of Gwent and chairman of the association's safety committee, said: "The fire services must have adequate powers to ensure that all public buildings and places of work have proper fire safety precautions."

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said yesterday: "The report does not say that recommendations were ignored." He claimed that the Property Services Agency, which was responsible for the upkeep of the castle until the royal household took over in 1991, had carried out various fire protection measures. "They did a lot of work and it is unfair to say they did not."

The spokesman also said that claims that last November's fire was "turned into a £40 million disaster by a series of blunders" were misleading and that the fire brigade report described these factors as insignificant.

However, in a section headed "Summary and Observations", the report said that a sophisticated automatic fire detection system would have prevented the initial fire taking hold and a sprinkler system would have contained the fire until the brigade arrived. The report said the brigade had recommended on several occasions that both systems should be installed in the castle.

Motorists oppose M-way fee

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS to charge motorists up to £50 for using motorways would face huge opposition and encourage drivers to use less safe roads, a Royal Automobile Club survey published today says.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, is preparing to publish a green paper which will put forward motorway charges to fund new lane extensions.

Yesterday the British Road Federation said that more than 5,000 miles of roads were in need of urgent structural repair. Richard Diment, the BRF director, said: "Insufficient priority has been given to regular low-cost maintenance."

In the RAC poll of motorists, 86 per cent said they were opposed to paying extra to use the motorway system. About a third said they would use motorways less often and 13 per cent said they would stop using them. David Worskett, of the RAC, said the research showed that if motorway charges were introduced, "motorists would use less suitable, less safe roads".

MPs attack benefits bottleneck

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs yesterday delivered a scathing attack on the government's handling of two new disability benefits which they said had proved "a nightmare" for claimants.

The all-party Commons social security committee claimed that delays in processing the disability living and working allowances were so great that several applicants died before the money reached them. Others had faced "untold financial hardship".

In a highly critical report, the MPs accused the Benefits Agency of "complete administrative disarray" in its inability to deal with a huge surge of claims for the benefits, introduced in April 1992.

Frank Field, the chairman, said the fiasco raised questions of accountability and at the very least the benefits unit should be disbanded.

Nicholas Scott, social security minister, admitted later that the agency had misjudged the response. "It was taken by surprise by the tremendous success and the surge of take-up of this new benefit," he said on BBC Radio 4.

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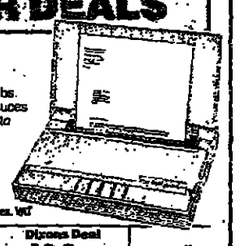
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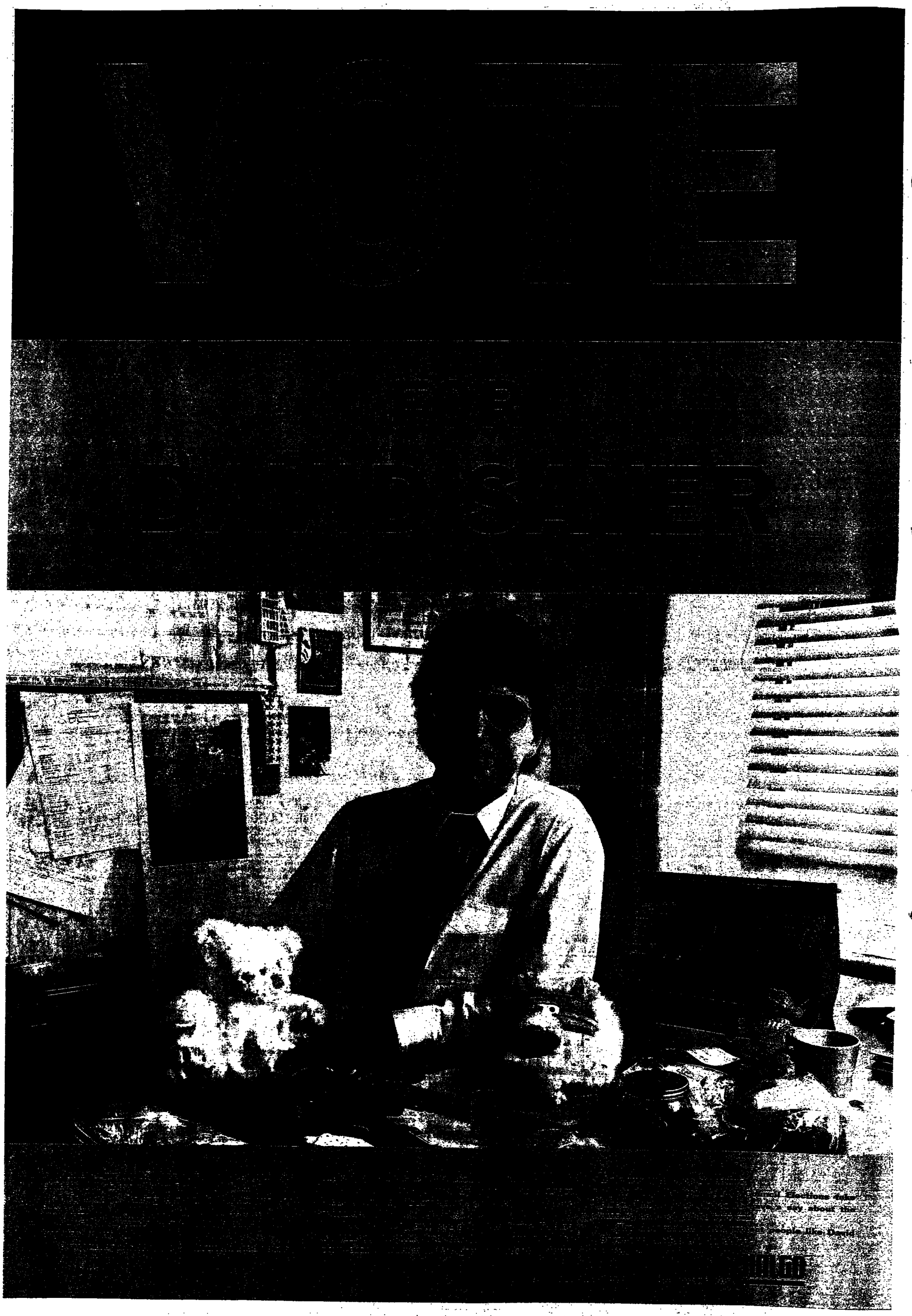
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Lawyers fear rape and assault victims will get less cash

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

VICTIMS of violent crime such as rape or assault will receive drastically reduced compensation under government proposals to be published this summer, lawyers said yesterday.

Instead of the current system in which every award to a victim of crime was assessed individually, the government planned to introduce a "tariff" system operated by junior civil servants, the lawyers said.

Simon Walton and Andrew Dismore, solicitors with the trades union firm Robin Thompson & Partners, which has handled thousands of claims for compensation, were commenting in London on the likely impact of a white paper in July which will overhaul the criminal injuries compensation scheme.

They warned that people who suffered psychological trauma, such as a train driver who ran over a suicide victim, might not be compensated at all, or only minimally. Payments for loss of earnings to victims who cannot work would be abolished.

Other changes included a higher qualifying limit for an award, from £1,000 to £1,500, so that "quite serious" injuries deserving less than that sum would not qualify. The new tariff system would inevitably mean much lower awards, Mr Walton said.

"Clearly the idea is to save money. But our worry, speaking from experience with handling these claims, is that we will see considerable injustice. It's one thing having a tariff for minor injuries, but how can you have a tariff for psychological injury ... such as the train driver who suffers shock after running over a suicide victim, or for a rape injury?

"Instead of looking at each injury individually, and calculating the effect of the injury on the victim, the new scheme will just assess the injury itself without any regard to the victim's circumstances. So if someone whose profession is modelling had a broken nose, the award would be just the same as to a person whose job did not depend on it."

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme paid out £144 million in 1991-2 to some 39,000 victims of violent crime. The government wants to speed up delays and simplify the assessment. Instead of a panel of barristers and solicitors determining awards, the tariff system would be operated by officials.

"They are abolishing an excellent scheme and replacing it with one which will provide token awards," Mr Walton said.

Ollie Jackson, of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said that the plans would have a devastating effect on its members. Many drivers were unable to work because of the psychological traumas: if that was not going to be compensated, it would do a grave disservice to his members.

Lew Adams, assistant general secretary of Aslef, the train drivers' union, said a "tariff system seems ludicrous. Who would judge the figure for shock caused by being involved in a suicide? We had some 375 sucides last year."

☐ The government came under further attack yesterday when its plans for a fundamental review of how magistrates' courts are run were described as a grave threat to the independence of the courts.

The proposals, contained in a white paper, could bring "undue governmental control and influence", Michael Guy, president of the Justices' Clerks' Society, said at the opening of the society's annual conference in Eastbourne.

He also attacked the government's "potentially catastrophic failure" to consult properly on the proposed reforms.

JOHN MANNING



Life imitating art: the YMCA acts out its new poster with some of the young people helped by a scheme that provides a combination of accommodation, counselling and training. Nearly 60 per cent of those who have completed the government-backed scheme have got jobs

Matrix Churchill exports first suspected in 1988

MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT officials suspected as early as August 1988 that equipment destined for Iraq could have military uses but could not prove it, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair was told yesterday.

Acting on information that Matrix Churchill, the Coventry-based machine tool manufacturer, was exporting equipment which could make munitions, Export Credits Guarantee Department staff were told by Foreign Office and customs officials that the company had a clean bill of health, the enquiry was told.

Giving evidence on the second day of the Scott enquiry's public hearings, David Bryars, an underwriter for the department's insurance services unit, said that while he was arranging insurance cover for the company's exports, he had been worried by information that equipment described as "general measuring instruments" could be used to manufacture arms. Export Credit Guarantee Department officials are responsible for arranging insurance cover for British exporters in case of non-payment by foreign buyers.

After contacting the Foreign Office, Mr Bryars was told the company's machine tools were the subject of an investigation by Foreign Office and trade department officials. The Foreign Office said it would get back to him only if ministers decided the company's exports should be stopped. "I was given a strong impression that it would be OK," he said.

Mr Bryars also contacted his department's own investigative unit to find out whether Matrix Churchill had any record of non-compliance with the export regulations. "They contacted Customs and Excise and the answer came back that Matrix Churchill were 'clean' — they had not transgressed any export regulations," he said. The hearings resume on Monday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Baby dies after police car crashes

A four-week-old baby died after being flung through the open window of a car involved in an accident with a police patrol car on its way to a hoax alarm call in Bilston, West Midlands.

Daniel Jones died at Wolverhampton's Royal Hospital from multiple injuries, four hours after the crash involving a car driven by his father, Barry Jones, 31, who suffered a broken pelvis.

The baby's mother, Karen Morris, 21, suffered a minor head injury, and the two policemen in the patrol car were treated for shock. An investigation into the accident is to be carried out.

Birds found

Dover customs officers were questioning two men from Epping, Essex, after finding 700 parrots and finches worth £10,000 in the back of a van during a spot check.

Mine to close

Grimethorpe Colliery, near Barnsley, Yorkshire is to close tomorrow after the 200 remaining miners voted to accept redundancy.

Dallas bound

Graeme Jenkins, 34, the British conductor, has been named musical director designate of the Dallas Opera.

'Healthier' food labels unjustified

BY ROBIN YOUNG

FOOD manufacturers make meaningless claims for their products, according to the Consumers' Association magazine *Which?*, because the law allows them "to say almost anything they like".

In its May issue, published today, the magazine criticises manufacturers for making unjustified, unclear, or selective claims that their products are healthy or good for you. There are no definitions to regulate claims like "low fat", "high fibre" or "reduced salt".

According to government recommendations, a food which is "low fat" should have been modified to contain little fat. "A low fat food" is inherently low in fat, like apples. A food "lower" in fat or said to have "reduced fat" should contain at least a quarter less fat than a standard version of the food — yet that may leave a lot of fat in fatty products such as sausages. "Low fat" or "low sugar" food will not necessarily have fewer calories. Sainsbury's "reduced sugar" digestive biscuits contain less sugar than Sainsbury's standard digestives but more calories.

Health claims are the most confusing, because in Britain labels can say that a food has ingredients that are beneficial for health even though the evidence for the claim is disputed. Some foods may also contain little of the supposedly beneficial ingredient.

Princess endorses work of osteopaths

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE Princess of Wales yesterday endorsed chiropractic and osteopathy, saying that she was "very much in favour" of alternative medicine. The princess said that she had tried both techniques, which involve different ways of manipulating the joints.

At the same time, a report said that chiropractors who offer treatment without proper training should be outlawed and that a registration system should be set up.

The princess, who is patron of the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic, made her comments after joining the audience at the launch of a report by the King's Fund which recommends that it should be a criminal offence for an unqualified person to use the title chiropractor.

She said at the fund's centre in London: "We all experience a lot of stress. When you think what you put your body through each day, it is not surprising you need help."

Asked if she preferred chiropractic to osteopathy, the princess said she did not, "but chiropractic was better for my body".

Earlier, Robert Maxwell, chief executive of the King's Fund, warned that poorly trained chiropractors could do more harm than good. But a Medical Research Council trial involving 700 patients had shown that, in the right hands, the technique was more effective at relieving low back pain than hospital treatment.

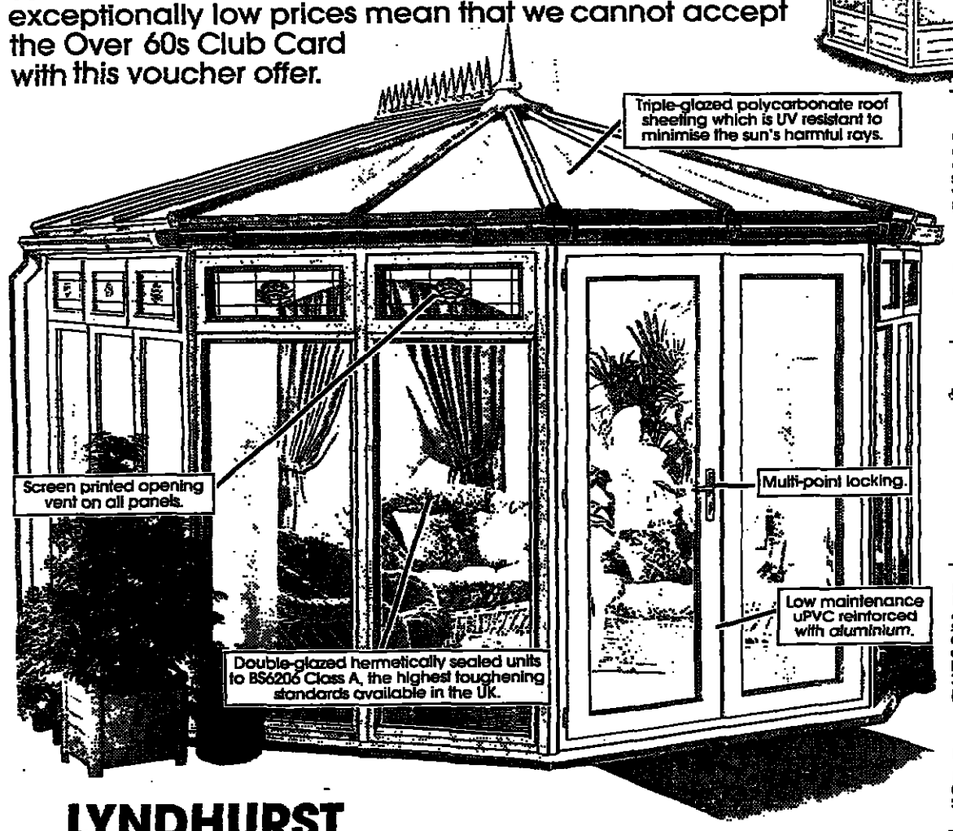
"Chiropractic is now at the stage where it is appropriate to regulate it for the protection of the public," he said.

Ian Hutchinson, chairman of the chiropractic registration steering group, said there were 800 qualified chiropractors in Britain treating 75,000 patients a week and charging around £20 for a 20-minute session, but "every area has one or two individuals who are not trained". There was a risk that untrained practitioners could make patients worse, treat conditions which would not respond, or miss serious illnesses such as cancer.

Report of a working party on chiropractic (King's Fund Centre bookshop, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF; £5.95, post free)

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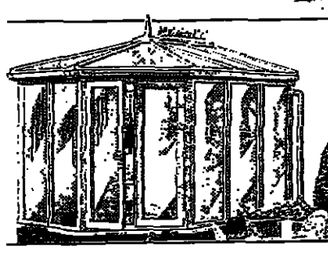
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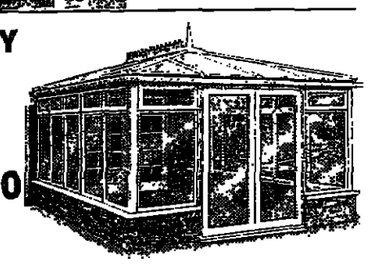
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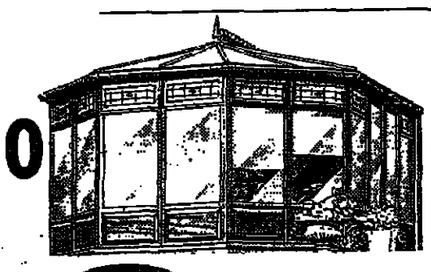
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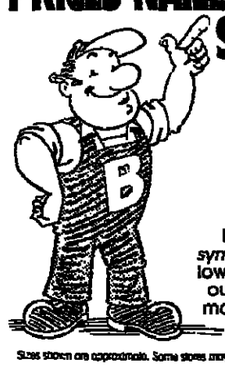


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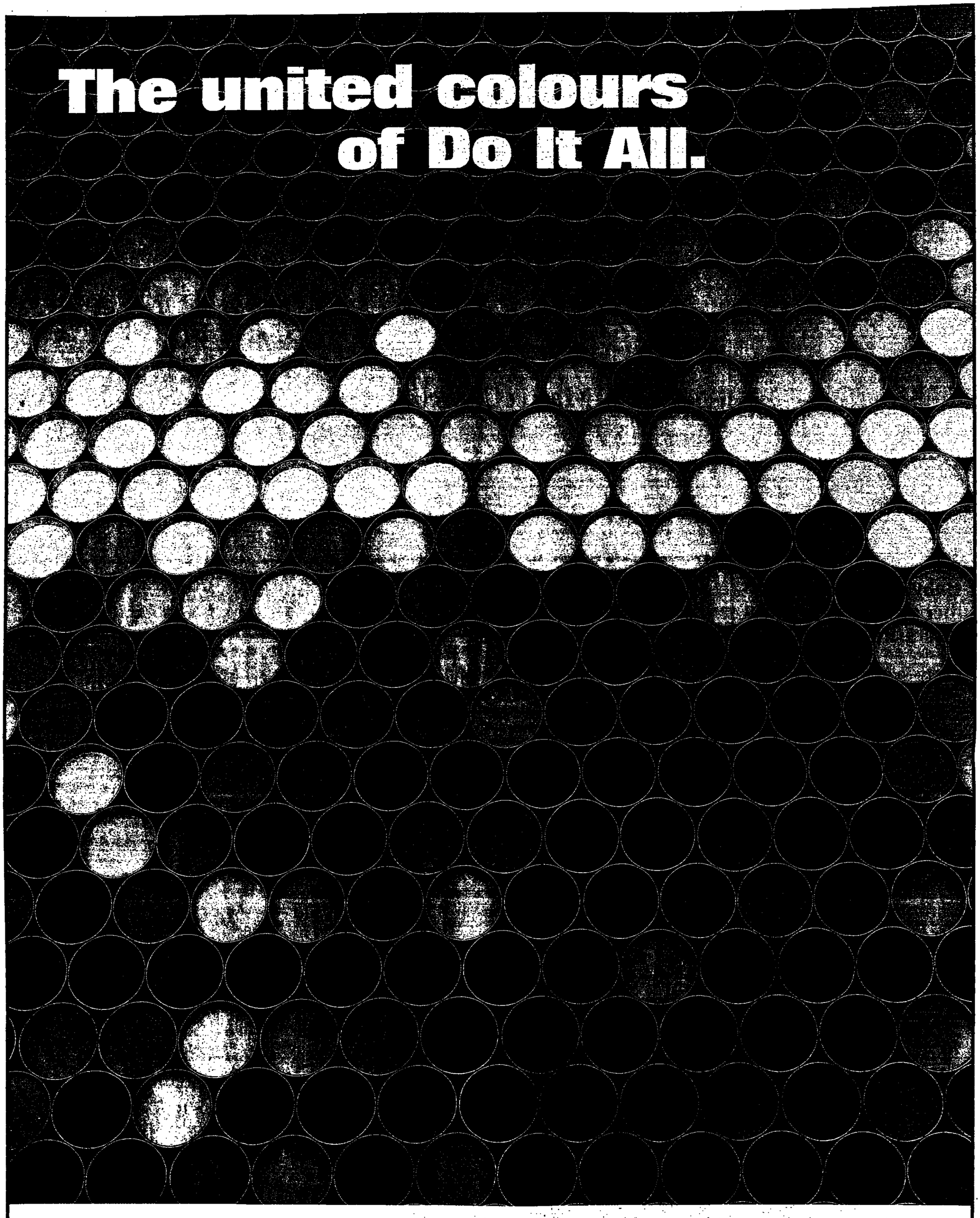


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Clarke acts to save police swamped by tide of paperwork

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

Complaints that the fight against crime is being overwhelmed by endless form-filling have brought about a review of procedures

MANAGEMENT consultants are to be brought in to help police cut the vast quantity of paperwork which is undermining their fight against crime, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, announced yesterday.

The private sector consultants will be charged with stemming the tide of paperwork that engulfs officers handling cases. Their task will be to recommend ways of cutting the number of forms that have to be filled in by police from arrest to the conclusion of a case.

Mr Clarke has acted only days after *The Times* reported that red tape was threatening to turn Britain's police officers into little more than penpushers. The home secretary said he had seen the report about detectives in danger of becoming clerks. "Police officers complain to me about the large amount of time they now spend on paperwork which has grown out of all proportion," he said.

He said that the "heaps of paperwork" had not been designed maliciously but were a result of the need to keep proper records of custody, interviews and court hearings in the interests of justice. But, he added, police interviewing suspects had the feeling that later they would have to spend hours transcribing the tape.

A guilty plea heard at a magistrates' court involved police completing 16 forms, Mr Clarke said. The police must make sure that officers spent as much time as possible combating crime and not on unnecessary piles of paper. "I don't think that such a high proportion of a police officer's shift should be taken up behind a desk doing paper work," Mr Clarke said.

Other cases entail even more form-filling. Last week Chief Insp Clive Ritchie, of Chelsea CID, talking to *The Times*, pointed to a file on a case of assault that contained 135 documents and another file involving 53 forms. Up to 20 types of form may be required by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police commissioner, and senior officers from regional forces have expressed concern about the amount of paperwork involved in operating the criminal justice system. Mr Condon said recently that he would not surprised if officers cautioned or warned suspects rather than face the paperwork that followed an arrest. Senior officers have also questioned the continuing reliance on typewriters and pens rather than modern technology.

Mr Clarke wondered if there could be fewer forms involved in guilty pleas at magistrates' courts and if it was necessary for an officer to write out and then type a précis of an interview with a suspect.

A three-month study by consultants will see what can be done to reduce the burden of paperwork. The home secretary expected that the recommendation could be introduced without legislation.

His move was welcomed by the Association of Chief Police Officers last night. It said that it had been concerned for some time about levels of paperwork, which could be reduced by wider use of information technology and of civilians in certain areas of police work.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Sneeze factor: research may explain why city and country dwellers suffer alike

Car exhaust fumes linked to hay fever

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

CAR exhaust fumes could make some people more vulnerable to hay fever and asthma attacks, according to scientists.

Researchers at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, have found that chemicals in the fumes may act on the linings of the nose and lungs to trigger as much as a five-fold increase in cytokines, chemicals linked with the body's immune response.

The effect leaves people more vulnerable than normal to airborne allergens such as oak and grass pollen, which in turn makes them more likely to suffer sneezing, a runny nose and blocked air passages.

The researchers, led by Robert Davies, professor of respiratory medicine, exposed patients in sealed chambers to nitrogen oxides, ozone and other exhaust related chemicals for up to four hours. Afterwards, they were exposed to allergens such as pollen.

Levels of sneezing and mucus production were, on average, three times higher after patients had first been exposed to exhaust chemicals.

Professor Davies said the research offered an explanation as to why hay fever levels in cities and in the countryside were similar. Urban hay fever cases were the result of low levels of pollen combined with pollution. In the countryside the reverse was the case, with high levels of pollen combining with low levels of pollution to give similar rates.

Dr Douglas Fleming, director of the Birmingham research unit of the Royal College of General Practioners, said it was possible that exhaust fumes played a role in the rise in hay fever. However, he was sceptical that their role was significant in the 2 per cent of the population who see doctors for treatment.

Dr Fleming, whose unit has mapped cases of hay fever reported to GPs since 1981, said that in some ways the disease remained as perplexing as ever, with no significant regional differences and a large swing in cases from year to year.

Lessons on health risks dropped

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

GOVERNMENT health targets are being jeopardised as school lessons about the risks involved in smoking, drugs, alcohol and sex are squeezed off the timetable by the demands of the national curriculum, a report says today.

The National Foundation for Educational Research report, *Health Education Policies in Schools*, says that many targets set out in the recent *Health of the Nation* white paper cannot be achieved without school-based health education.

By the end of the decade, ministers want to halve the 8,500 pregnancies each year among under-16s. By next year they want to reduce smoking among 11- to 16-year-olds from 8 to 6 per cent.

The report, commissioned by the Health Education Authority and based on a survey of 542 schools, says that only one in eight primary schools teaches children about the dangers of drugs.

It adds that only 4 per cent have a policy against providing sex education beyond that required by the national curriculum.

NHS 'gives childless a poor deal'

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

COUPLES who find it difficult to have children are are treated unfairly by the national health service, a report published yesterday claims.

Few health authorities give infertility a high priority, half do not even provide the most basic treatments and only 25 per cent can provide access to more advanced techniques such as *in vitro* fertilisation, according to the report, commissioned by Issue, the national fertility association. Yet many continue to fund less successful techniques such as tubal surgery.

John Dickson, director of Issue, said a combination of ignorance and traditional practices led many NHS managers to favour inappropriate treatments.

The ability to have a baby often depended on which health district a couple lived in. "It's time to shake the system up. The survey shows the haphazard, almost shambolic approach taken by the NHS, which pays no more than lip service to Britain's one-in-six infertile couples."

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CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE youngest grandmaster in the history of chess, beating even Bobby Fischer and Garry Kasparov, is the Hungarian teenager Judith Polgar.

She obtained the grandmaster title by winning the Hungarian championship in December 1991, at the age of 15 years, 4 months and 28 days. Anyone who says that girls cannot play chess should be chastened by this glorious exploit. The standard book about the three Polgar sisters was written by Cathy Forbes, the twice British ladies' champion (*The Polgar Sisters — Training or Genius*, Batsford £10.99).

Last week, Judith got off to a good start in the tournament at Seville, Spain, where, among others, she is competing against Anatoly Karpov and our own Michael Adams.

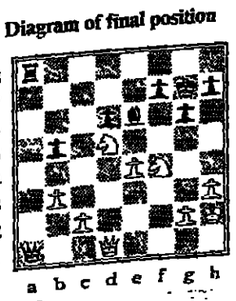
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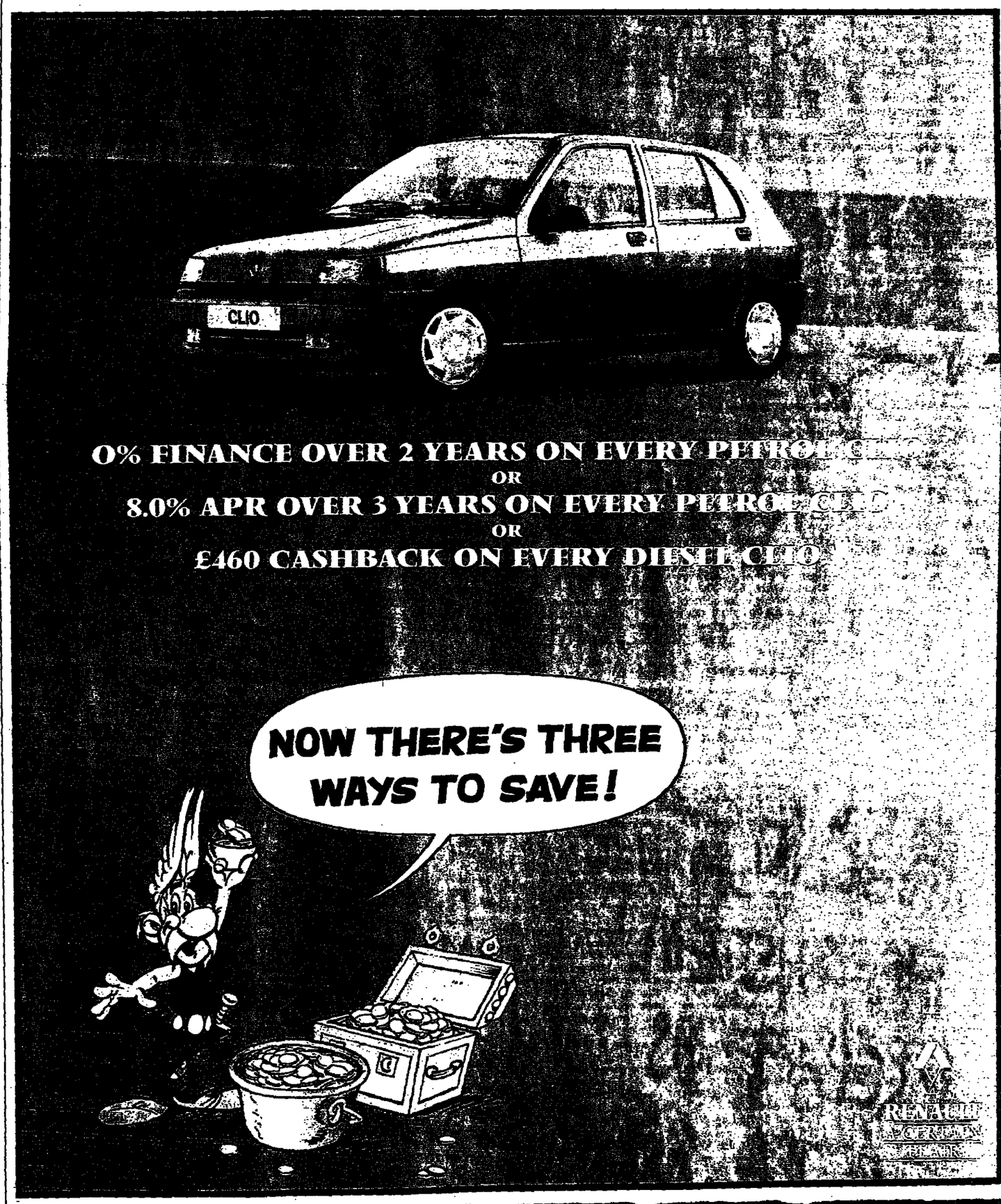
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White resigns

Diagram of final position



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When Red Ken ruled and Margaret Thatcher lost the battle for London

*Londoners have taken little notice of the elections in the shire counties. It could have been otherwise. If the Tories had not abolished the GLC, they could have been going to the polls today poised to re-elect, for a record fourth term, the Labour regime which swept Ken Livingstone to power in 1981. **Tony Travers** wonders how the course of history might have been different*

Today's local elections may bring to an end Labour's 12-year control of the Greater London Council. Despite evidence that opposition parties will do well when the votes are counted tonight in the counties outside London, Tony Banks's regime at County Hall looks to be in deep trouble.

No party has controlled the GLC for such a long period before. Until the 1981 elections, power had alternated between the Tories and Labour. Ken Livingstone's putsch, which lifted the council leadership from Andrew Macintosh within 24 hours of that 1981 victory, paved the way for an extraordinary period in London government.

After the ousting of Labour's moderate leader, the council embarked upon its long struggle to give London cheap and attractive public transport. Despite Bromley's courtroom success in the Fares Fair case, the Livingstone regime was, at least until the mid-1980s, successful in getting people off the roads.

Even the relentless efforts of the Conservative press to denigrate the GLC leader came to nothing. Indeed, their attentions afforded him hero status once Mrs Thatcher had embarked on her catastrophic and failed attempt to abolish the council. By the 1983 general election, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Livingstone had become politically important to each other. In her eyes, he represented everything that was repellent in the new urban left: he was the justification for the policy to abolish the GLC and its metropolitan county sisters. She was the loathed right-wing figure who made him such an important talisman for the dispossessed left.

The aftermath of that election gave Mr Livingstone his finest hour and Mrs Thatcher one of her worst: the government's defeat in the Lords allowed the natural majority for London-wide government to reassert itself in the Commons. The whips were vanquished here, as they were later to be with the ill-starred shops bill. Only the poll tax debacle proved more politically disastrous.

But, even as his victory over the prime minister was being celebrated at the £1 million Hampstead to Streatham "Ten-Mile Street Party", Citizen Ken's luck was fading. The 1986 London-Irish Summit at Kenwood, involving Sinn Fein and sundry hangers-on, was a political flop. The new model Labour party pulled the plug on what Neil Kinnock memorably called Ken's "absurd, abhorrent, adolescent anarchy".

The capital's social problems grew apace. After Labour's crushing victory in the 1985 GLC elections, and hot on the Tories' defeat in the Lords, government cash for London was stopped. Pitiful investment levels on the Underground were trimmed to virtually zero. The GLC's capital allocation for housing projects was slashed. Rates were capped. Whitehall's revenge was swift and effective.

The transport misery and visible homelessness of the late 1980s probably did more than all the other issues to ruin Mr Livingstone's image as the leader of a radical administration that could stand out against the onslaught of Thatcherism. During 1987 and 1988, the GLC's low fares policy had to be reversed in an attempt to find resources to maintain the crumbling Tube. Efforts were made to privatise the fire brigade. Massive asset sales were sanctioned in an attempt to release cash for housing investment. During the crazy property boom of the late 1980s, even County Hall was rumoured to be up for sale.

Labour's majority was cut to just five in 1989. Threats of defection from the far left, in parallel with the two famous by-election defeats, meant that by early 1990 there were rumblings in the Labour group that their leader would have to go. The huge budget cuts of 1990 — a direct consequence of creative accounting three years earlier — were the final straw.

Thus, with a fearful symmetry, was Mr Livingstone deposed, just as he had removed Andrew Macintosh in 1981. Tony Banks and his modernised Labour supporters vanquished the one-time hero of the left. The parallels with what the Tories were doing to Mrs Thatcher just over the river were so close that no writer of fiction would have dared to invent them.

Mr Banks's concentration on "good, old-fashioned Labour issues" of decent basic services and safe streets may have come too late to save Labour. Thames Television's recent opinion poll showed that Londoners want a change. Today's election may just put the Tories back in control of the biggest local authority in Europe.

Tory hold on councils threatened by upheaval

BY JONATHAN PRYNN



THE Conservative party is tonight set to lose dozens of council seats and control of several of its English heartland counties in the first national test of political opinion since the general election.

More than 25 million adults are eligible to vote in local elections in England and Wales, which cover 47 counties and three-fifths of the land area of Britain. Recent polls suggest that the government's national problems will cost the Tories dear in county halls across the south of England, despite recent improvement in the economic indicators.

The party is also handicapped by its strong showing in the May 1989 shire elections when it gained nearly 100 seats and control of seven counties to takes its tally to 18. These victories are all at risk today, with one poll last week showing Conservative support nationally at a post-election low of 32 per cent. Converted into county election seats, a slump of that size would mean the Conservatives losing control of all but three of their councils, Buckinghamshire, Surrey and West Sussex.

Although few of the counties are likely to pass into the hands of single opposition parties, the loss of overall control in such a wide swath of the country would represent a dramatic dilution of local political power for the party of national government. Even if the swing is much less dramatic, the Tories seem certain to lose control in Hereford and Worcester and Northamptonshire, where only a chairman's casting vote keeps them in power; Wiltshire, where the support of an independent gives a majority of one, and Warwickshire, another county with the smallest possible majority for the Conservatives.

Counties such as Kent, where a history of unbroken Tory control dates back to the last century, and Essex, emblem of a more recent political success, are also vulnerable. But the Tories are only a handful of seats short of overall control in Bedfordshire, where they are kept in power by three rebel Labour councillors, and North Yorkshire.

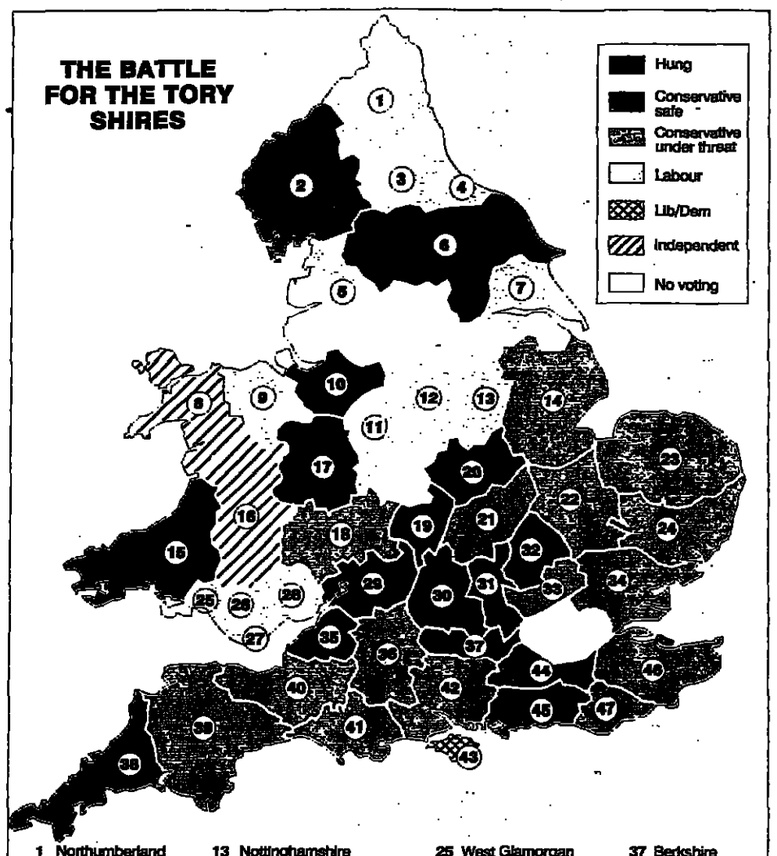
National party attention will probably be most closely focused on Berkshire, where the outcome of the local elections will be complicated by the Westminster by-election taking place in the western half of the county. It also provides a classic case-study of trends in southern England's local politics in recent years. A traditional Tory home counties shire for 103 years, Berkshire has been controlled since last year by Labour and the Liberal Democrats operating under a formal pact. The two parties have even co-operated in elections, standing down candidates in wards where the other party has a greater chance of defeating the Conservatives. Central Office would dearly love to welcome it back to the fold but is likely to be disappointed.

For the Liberal Democrats, the main ambition is to win back the ground lost in its disastrous 1989 showing. Winning control of any councils to add to the Isle of Wight would be an added bonus, with Somerset, Paddy Ashdown's home territory, at the top of the list.

Labour, which has eight English councils under overall control, will be looking to consolidate its dominant position in the north and make ground in southern counties where large urban populations provide a natural reservoir of votes. A key target is Avon, where Labour is only a handful of seats short of overall control and a Labour vote is being sold as a protest against local government reforms.

Wales is likely to see far less upheaval, not least because today's elections are the last before the Welsh authorities are replaced by new unitary councils.

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Lib Dems make final push for Newbury

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Liberal Democrats believe they are poised to win the Newbury by-election today, but left nothing to chance as they mounted a final push last night.

Although the confusion the government has found itself in over Maastricht in the past 24 hours cannot have helped the Tory cause, the Liberal Democrats returned to the homes of around 2,000 voters yesterday, previously identified as doubting Tories, to press the case for their candidate, David Rendel.

Needing a swing of 9.3 per cent to take the west Berkshire seat from the Tories, Mr Rendel also issued a letter to waverers insisting that a Liberal Democrat victory could force John Major to change unpopular policies — and some of his ministers.

As the 19 candidates set out on the final round of canvassing yesterday the Conservative contender, Julian Davidson, insisted that he was still persuading Conservative voters on the doorstep not to defect.

Liberal Democrat canvassers believe that their party's pro-referendum stance on the Maastricht treaty will prove to be a decisive factor. Voters will have the pick of a plethora of pro-referendum candidates today, most noticeably Alan Sked of the Anti-Federalist League, the former Sussex cricketer Robin Marlar, and the maverick Tory, John Browne.

Dr Sked has been handing out a three-page denunciation of the treaty. His message is: "Our right to self determination must be preserved at all costs." Mr Marlar has also been prominent on the streets of Newbury, relaying his pro-referendum message through a megaphone.

Government faces legal action over Maastricht treaty

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government will now face a spate of legal actions which could go all the way up the House of Lords and even be referred to the European Court of Justice in the wake of its acceptance of the social chapter amendment to the Maastricht treaty bill.

The legal actions are being mounted on two main fronts: first, by the Tory Euro-sceptics, who will maintain that the amendment renders ratification illegal, although government law officers have said the opposite; and second, by trade unionists seeking to gain social chapter rights for British workers.

The legal challenge by the Euro-sceptics is essentially on broad constitutional grounds. The opponents maintain that the government, in ratifying the treaty, is acting without the parliamentary approval which in this case is required by European Community law.

The MPs are expected immediately to launch judicial review proceedings in the High Court. The court will first have to decide whether these may proceed before the Maastricht treaty legislation is formally ratified, although lawyers were uncertain yesterday about whether the courts would insist that the bill becomes law before legal action is launched.

If the courts decide that an issue of community law is involved, the High Court judges could at some point refer the case to the European Court of Justice for an interpretative ruling.

Martin Howe, a barrister informally advising the Tory Euro-sceptics, said: "The argument would be that the amendment blocks ratification because Parliament will not have incorporated the approved social protocol attached to the Maastricht treaty."

The Attorney-general, Sir Nicholas Lyell QC, had argued that the amendment makes no difference and that only the crown could ratify treaties. As a general principle that was correct. But Mr Howe said that Sir Nicholas had "overlooked a fundamental point of law of the institutions of the EC, which has been made part of our domestic law by the European Communities Act 1972". The implication of that was that if the law needed amending, only Parliament could make the changes, he said.

The implications went beyond the circumstances of the Maastricht legislation, Mr Howe added. If the Attorney-general was right, then the crown, or the government, could agree to spend "95 per cent of the Community budget on nuts for East Africa and not seek parliamentary approval."

High Court leave is likely to be sought in the first instance over whether proceedings can be brought over the government's intention to ratify the Maastricht treaty, or whether legal proceedings must await ratification and take the form of a challenge to measures implemented under the treaty.

Either way, lawyers believe it likely that the courts will want to await the passage of the bill through Parliament. "There are some problems over timing: it may be that the courts will take the view that judicial review cannot be brought until the act of Parliament is finalised."

Proceedings, in which the MPs will seek a declaration that ratification is unlawful are certain to be rushed through, but are still likely to take some months if appeals go to the House of Lords.

Formal ratification itself, in the wake of the bill's becoming law, could theoretically be held up if the Euro-sceptic MPs succeed in obtaining a High Court declaration that it should await the outcome of their legal challenge. But lawyers yesterday thought that unlikely.

The second limb of legal actions is being prepared by trade unionists who are preparing to challenge what they will say is the lack of workers' rights in this country under Maastricht compared with their counterparts in other members stats.

Again, such a challenge by way of judicial review would have to be started in the UK courts but could end up in Europe if referred on a point of Community law. John Edmonds, the leader of the GMB general union, said: "The GMB will take the first opportunity of taking a case through the courts to establish social chapter rights for British workers.

He said on BBC Radio that there was the possibility of legal action on several fronts as a result of the government's acceptance of the social chapter but failure to apply it.

"The GMB will take the case to the European Court if necessary," the union said in a statement. Any legal action, however, would have to start in the UK courts and could only go to Europe on a referral from the British courts.

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We know that the British house of commons, without shutting its doors to any merit in any class, is, by the sure operation of adequate causes, filled with everything illustrious in rank, in descent, in hereditary and in acquired opulence, in cultivated talents, in military, civil, naval, and political distinction, that the country can afford.

But supposing what rarely can happen, that a case that the house of commons should be composed in the same manner with that of the French would this dominion of chicane be borne with patience, or even conceived without horror? God forbid I should impute any thing derogatory to the profession, which is [illegible] brotherhood, administering the rites of sacred justice.

But when we revere men in the functions which belong to them, and would as much as one [illegible] their existence cannot, give the lye to nature.

They are good and useful in the composition; they must be mischievous if they preponderate so as virtually to become the whole. Their very excellence in those peculiar functions renders far from a qualification for [illegible].

I cannot escape observation, that when men are too much confined to professional and faculty habits, and, as it were, inveterate in the recurrent employment of that narrow circle, they are rather disabled than qualified for whatever depends on the knowledge of mankind, on experience in mixed affairs, on a comprehensive connected view of the various complicated external and internal interests which go to the formation of the multifarious thing called a state.

After all, if the house of commons were to have an wholly professional and faculty composition, what is the power of the house of commons, circumscribed and shut in by the immovable barriers of laws, usages, positive rules of doctrine and practice, counterpoized by the house of lords, and every moment of its existence at the discretion of the [illegible] continue, prodigy [illegible] dissolve us?

[illegible] power of the house of [illegible] direct or indirect, is [illegible] great; and long may it [illegible] able to preserve its greatness, and the spirit belonging to true greatness, at the full; and it will do so, as long as it can keep the [illegible] with individuals all the dignity [illegible] importance of the state?

Other revolutions have been conducted by persons, who, whilst they attempted of affected changes in the commonwealth, sanctified their ambition by advancing the dignity of the people whose cause they troubled.

They had long views.

They aimed at the rule, not at the destruction of their country. They were men of great civil, and great military talents, and [illegible] terror [illegible] orders [illegible] law, no strict convention, no respected usage to restrain it.

Instead of finding themselves obliged to conform [illegible] [illegible] tion, they have a power [illegible] constitution which [illegible] conform to the [illegible] design.

Nothing [illegible] given or upon earth can serve as a control on them.

What ought to be the heads, the hearts, the dispositions, that are qualified, or that dare, not only to make laws under a fixed constitution, but at one heat to strike out a totally new constitution for a great kingdom, and in every part of it, from the monarch on the throne to the vestry of a parish?

But - *'fools rush in where angels fear to tread'.*

In such a state of unbounded power, for undefined purposed, the veil of a moral and almost physical inaptitude of the man to the function must be the greatest we can conceive to happen in the management of human affairs.

When men of rank sacrifice all ideas of dignity to an ambition without a distinct object, and work with low instruments and for low ends, the whole composition becomes low and base.

Does not something like this now appear in France? Does it not produce something ignoble and inglorious? a kind of meanness in all the prevalent policy? a tendency in all that is done to lower along with individuals all the dignity and importance of the state?

Edmund Burke. *Reflections on The Revolution in France.*

How to read the social chapter

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE revised social chapter appended to the Maastricht treaty allows the other 11 member states of the European Community to take action in a variety of areas covering workers' rights.

It seeks the "promotion of employment, improved living and working conditions, proper social protection, dialogue between management and labour, the development of human resources with a view to lasting high employment and the combatting of exclusion (discrimination)." It also extends the use of qualified majority voting (QMV).

Under QMV the EC has power over working conditions, the consultation of workers, equal opportunities and anti-discrimination measures. Acting unanimously, the 11 can take action over social security, protection of workers where contracts are terminated, and worker directors. They can also spend money to promote job creation. The chapter gives organised management and labour a bigger role in implementing EC legislation. Pay, the right to join a union, the right to strike and the employer's right to impose a lock-out are excluded.

Britain's opt-out does not shield it against all social legislation. The existing treaty allows directives in areas such as working time and part-time workers, but usually Britain has a veto. The new chapter would allow the Commission to bring forward proposals Britain is blocking.

Major tries to take the public's eye off Europe

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

JOHN Major wants us all to remember how busy the government has been apart from Maastricht. "Away from the smoke and fire at Westminster, we have been pushing ahead with our radical agenda," he told the Newspaper Society yesterday. A vast range of reforming legislation had been passing through Parliament, "in some cases almost without notice".

This is a fair point, though it smacks of "otherwise Mrs Lincoln how did you enjoy the play?" Maastricht and the economy have inevitably dominated public and parliamentary debates, crowding out other issues, as monetarists would say. That is partly the government's own fault in view of its tactical withdrawals and self-inflicted blunders.

Approval of the bill is now within sight, but the government's approach has often been crab-like — and seldom as stylish as yesterday's retreat by Douglas Hurd over the social protocol. After more than 24 hours of public uncertainty, he made his acceptance of the Opposition amendment sound like a victory. It was "tiresome, undesirable, but in practice irrelevant" and he was doing everyone a service by denying Labour, and the Tory Euro-sceptics, the satisfaction of defeating the government. That means more headaches ahead, both in the courts and when the Commons votes on the substance of the social chapter after the bill becomes law. No wonder we have not been focusing on the progress of trade union legislation.

Mr Major claimed the government had already fulfilled rather more than a third of the commitments in the Tory election manifesto. More manifesto pledges have been honoured in the parliamentary year since the 1992 election than after the elections of 1979, 1983 and 1987. The housing, asylum, lotteries, education and employment bills are well on the way to becoming law, while the council tax has been introduced, and the pace of change in schools and the health service has accelerated. The real question is not so much the quantity of legislation but the quality. Do these measures add up to a coherent programme?

One effect of the concentration on Maastricht has been a fragmentation elsewhere. Ministers have not been inactive: rather the opposite. They have kept their heads down and carried on with their own departmental agendas. What has been absent too often has been a collective political view and discipline as energies. That accounted for the misreading of the public mood over pit closures last October and has contributed to the difficulties over tests in schools.

Mr Major sought to offer coherence around the themes of choice, opportunity and ownership, as well as proposals to turn over "some stones left unturned in the 1980s", such as the abolition of Neddy and Wages Councils. The examples he gave of forthcoming bills on crime and deregulation are hardly sufficient to substantiate a claim of "pushing through changes as profound and wide-ranging as anything we attempted in the 1980s". He has not yet created a magnet strong enough to counter Maastricht's distractions.

PETER RIDDELL



Iraqis shut borders and ban banknotes to halt speculators

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

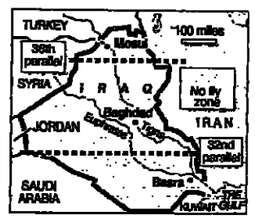
IRAQ yesterday ordered a surprise six-day closure of its borders and invalidated all pre-Gulf-war 25-dinar notes.

The Revolutionary Command Council's decree stranded hundreds of travellers on the Jordanian side of what had, in effect, been Iraq's only link with the outside world since United Nations sanctions were imposed in August 1990. The decision to cancel the banknotes caused chaos on domestic and Arab currency markets. Iraqis were given until Monday to exchange their old notes for new ones, but speculators abroad were estimated to have lost more than $200 million (£130 million).

Western and Arab officials saw the move as the clearest evidence yet that Iraq's economy is beginning to crumble after two and a half years of sanctions. The move followed the imposition at the weekend of an exit tax of $5,000 on all but diplomats and students, an attempt to stop the flow of people from the country.

"For the first time, it seems that sanctions are beginning to bite and causing the government to resort to desperate policies," a Western diplomat said. "It is more likely to be the economy than a bullet that gets rid of Saddam."

The cancellation of the Western-printed denomination was seen as an attempt to retaliate against Gulf Arab speculators who have been hoarding the notes, which were worth more than those printed in Baghdad during and after the war. Since mid-February, the value of the dinar on Baghdad's thriving black market has been halved. Traders said the sudden decline of the currency came when it became clear that the Clinton administration was not going to relax sanctions.



"The dollar is no longer a currency, it is a commodity," one Baghdad trader said. He claimed that when the dinar plunged to new lows last week, merchants had to be forced by government decree to open their shops. Shortages of basic and luxury goods are reported. At the weekend, the Baghdad press reported that President Saddam Hussein had chaired an emergency cabinet meeting on rescuing the currency.

Evidence emerged last week that the Baghdad regime has been smuggling part of its gold reserves to Jordon to sell for hard currency. Intelligence reports suggest that Saddam's foreign reserves ran out last year, although Iraq needs $90 million a month for staple foods.

Last month, the Iraqi labour minister admitted for the first time that sanctions and the shortage of spare parts had caused most factories to close. This had sent unemployment to the highest level in Iraq's history, although before the Kuwait invasion it employed three million foreigners.

As the currency plummeted on the black market last week, Saddam was forced to suspend government purchases of dollars to buy basic goods. Provision of these at subsidised prices has helped keep public unrest to a minimum.

At the same time, hyper-inflation resulting from the printing of money has reached such a rate that *al-Jumhuriya*, an official Baghdad paper, compared the price of goods in the capital's once-cheap Shorja market with "an oven that broils the face and burns the pocket".

Tamils flee as Colombo mourns president

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN COLOMBO

A HUGE security operation is under way for the funeral today of President Premadasa of Sri Lanka, who was assassinated last Saturday by a suicide bomber. Tamils were pouring out of the capital yesterday, saying they feared for their safety.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to attend the funeral. Some ambassadors, high commissioners and visiting foreign dignitaries are worried that they could be caught up in rioting.

Police and troops seized 15 Tamils staying at a hotel outside Colombo for questioning about the killing. Government officials say they are convinced the murder was carried out by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, who have fought a ten-year separatist war in northern Sri Lanka.

A Sinhala youth was also being questioned yesterday. Police described him as a close companion of the suspected killer, whose severed head has been recovered but not yet identified.

So far there has been no violence and queues two miles long have formed to see Mr Premadasa's coffin. Although the architect of a successful economic reform programme and a champion of the poor, the late president's reputation was sullied by some of the worst human rights abuses seen in South Asia. Tens of thousands of people died in a campaign against Sinhalese separatists in the south of the country.

Parliament is expected tomorrow to confirm the appointment of Dingiri Banda Wijetunge, the prime minister, as president. He will be allowed to hold the post until popular presidential elections are held within 18 months. The leading contender for the post of prime minister is Ranil Wickremasingh, the industries minister, who comes from a prominent political and business family. His appointment may be announced by the new president tomorrow. Provincial elections, which are scheduled to be held this month, will go ahead.

There are 250,000 Tamils in Colombo, many of them refugees from the war in the north. Many have complained that security is inadequate, and they could be vulnerable if there is violence today. The police and army insist they will be protected. Alcohol sales have been banned, and today and tomorrow have been declared holidays. Huge numbers of people reached the city yesterday to attend funeral ceremonies, which will last until the funeral pyre is lit this afternoon.



Final stage: a Sri Lankan worker building the pyre for President Premadasa's funeral in Colombo today

West fails in bid to topple health chief

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

HIROSHI Nakajima, director-general of the World Health Organisation, was yesterday re-elected in spite of a determined effort by Western nations to unseat him.

The world health assembly voted by 93 to 57 to give Mr Nakajima, the first Japanese citizen to head a United Nations agency, a second five-year term. His re-election was backed by developing countries unimpressed by evidence put forward by America and Western Europe that he was a poor administrator who had spent the organisation's money improperly in the run-up to the election. One diplomat said, however, that the vote was the narrowest in UN history.

Mr Nakajima, 64, was the only candidate. After his nomination by the executive board in January, by 18 votes to 13, his opponents alleged that he had used WHO money to buy votes and insisted on two audits being carried out.

Before the assembly voted yesterday, the report of the internal audit was circulated to delegates. The report claimed that the agency's rules had been "seriously breached" in the weeks preceding the executive board's vote. Peter Jorgensen, a Danish delegate, said the internal audit was "frightening".

Among other things, it showed that contracts had been awarded by WHO to several members of the board, including one for $150,000 (£95,000) to a foundation headed by Dr Alfredo Bengzon, a former minister of health in the Philippines. "Several of the organisation's financial rules and procedures were seriously breached in the processing of this particular contract," according to the internal audit prepared by Helge Larsen, chief of WHO's audit unit.

In the debate on the audit report, several African and Asian delegates backed Bolivian charges that the campaign against Mr Nakajima was largely aimed at developing countries by suggesting that they were easily corruptible. Japan had also argued strongly for Mr Nakajima.



Nakajima: accused of misusing WHO cash

Freudian alleges writer slipped

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE epic struggle between the maverick of psychoanalysis and *The New Yorker* magazine writer who acted as his self-appointed super-ego enters its final act today in a court in San Francisco.

Jeffrey Masson, the brash young analyst dismissed as the curator of the Freud Archives in Washington, is suing Janet Malcolm for libel, saying that she made up quotations from him for a profile she wrote in the magazine.

Ms Malcolm says the quotes are accurate and that Mr Masson did describe himself as "an intellectual gigolo" and threaten to turn Freud's house in Hampstead into a place of "sex, fun, women". She admits, however, that she merged different interviews with Mr Masson into a composite conversation for her article, which was edited by her husband.

The case, widely watched in New York's literary and psychoanalytical communities, will now go before a jury after a decade of wrangling over legal questions that took it all the way to the Supreme Court. Mr Masson is claiming $10 million (£6.3 million) compensation for the alleged damage that the article did to his career.

A former Sanskrit scholar, Mr Masson took the tight community of Freudian psycholanalysts by storm when he was annointed by the head of the sect to carry the flame, and then quickly turned against Freud. Mr Masson claimed that Freud "sold out" by suppressing his "seduction theory", in which he postulated that childhood sexual abuse played a key role in the genesis of neuroses.

Mr Masson says the theory is essentially correct. Freud abandoned it in favour of the belief that the childhood sexual encounters described by his patients were imagined — a theory that became a cornerstone of traditional psychoanalysis.

When board members of the Freud Archives, a huge sealed collection of Freud's papers, heard of Mr Masson's heretical view, they washed their hands of him. It was his rapid fall from grace that Ms Malcolm chronicled in her two-part 48,500-word profile.

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Cabinet likely to sanction extra brigade for Bosnia

MICHAEL POWELL



Rifkind, in London yesterday, said enough soldiers were available

The government is prepared to make a substantial contribution to a UN operation, but only for a limited time, Malcolm Rifkind tells ***Michael Evans***

BRITAIN is ready to respond "very quickly" to a request from the United Nations to send a peacekeeping force to Bosnia, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said yesterday. The commitment will, however, have a time limit.

The cabinet is expected to approve the deployment of a brigade of at least 6,000 troops if a ceasefire is agreed. Another 2,000 British servicemen and women attached to Nato's rapid reaction corps headquarters could also be sent if an alliance command structure is approved for Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Rifkind said there were enough troops for the task if the UN sought a substantial contribution from Britain. He rejected calls from MPs for present cuts in army manpower to be reversed. He said, however, that British troops would not become involved in a long-term peacekeeping operation in Bosnia. The United States and France held the same view about their involvement in any peacekeeping mission.

The American operation in Somalia had set a precedent for future peacekeeping operations, Mr Rifkind said. America had sent in 25,000 troops and now, after five months, they were being withdrawn and replaced by soldiers from other countries. He hoped the Somalia example could be copied in Bosnia and elsewhere in future, with highly professional troops such as those from Britain, France and America being sent first, to be replaced by men from other UN member states.

"We have no fundamental problem about a reasonable deployment over a given period of time," Mr Rifkind said. "Clearly a UN peacekeeping force in Bosnia will be large by any standards and will be required for a number of years. But our view is that there should be some form of rotation. The size and scale and period of deployment will be crucial."

The defence secretary insisted that cuts in army manpower, from 156,000 to 119,000 by 1995 under the Options for Change defence review, and disruptions caused by regiments amalgamating, would not stop Britain from making a significant contribution in Bosnia. Army manpower stands at about 130,000. Discounting units with duties elsewhere, such as Northern Ireland, Belize, the Falklands and Cyprus, between 50,000 and 60,000 soldiers would normally be available for operations such as the duties in Bosnia.

However, Mr Rifkind said 25,000 soldiers from that pool were not available because they were with units that were being amalgamated or relocated. That left about 30,000 troops from which to pick a force for Bosnia. Mr Rifkind said the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Yorkshire, now taking over from the Cheshires in Bosnia, could be absorbed into a peacekeeping force. He anticipated that Britain would be allocated central Bosnia for peacekeeping duties because it was an area with which British troops were now familiar.

He said a time limit would be set because it was policy not to become involved in long-term commitments abroad. "When we went to the Gulf, we went on the basis that we would be there for several months," he said.

In spite of pressure to cancel the army cuts programme, Mr Rifkind said he was satisifed on the basis of military advice that Britain could meet its obligations with the resources planned under the review. The cuts programme had included the assumption that Britain would want at some stage to deploy a significant force to another country to deal with a particular crisis. "But we don't want our armed forces to be used for a long-term commitment which is not being shared by other countries," he said.

Mr Rifkind said there were no plans to bring back from the Adriatic the naval task force, headed by the carrier HMS *Ark Royal*. A battery of six 105mm guns was sent with the task force and they will also remain in the area, ready for airlifting into Bosnia if required for protecting British troops. He said if there was a genuine ceasefire and all heavy artillery was neutralised, the British guns could be brought home.

Mr Rifkind said discussion of air strikes and other military options could be "put on the back burner" for the moment, although it was vital to maintain maximum pressure on Belgrade to ensure a ceasefire. "If the ceasefire is implemented, the military options can be given less emphasis," he said. "However, it's very important that the guns stop firing. If that happens, it will be such a huge prize that all else becomes of secondary significance."

He admitted that it was unrealistic to expect a 100 per cent ceasefire but he did not anticipate that the odd pocket of fighting would stop the peacekeeping mission from going ahead. "We have British, Canadian, French and Spanish forces in Bosnia who will be able to report what is happening on the ground, whether the guns have stopped, whether road blocks are being dismantled and whether the heavy weapons have been taken to places where they can be supervised.

"That evidence can be coming in while the UN and Nato are preparing a peacekeeping force. Even if there is a ceasefire tomorrow, we cannot have thousands of UN troops arriving in 24 hours. There will have to be a period of preparation and deployment," he said. "During that time the world will see whether the people who have signed the ceasefire are prepared to respect it."

Mr Rifkind said it would be difficult to be precise about the definition of a ceasefire. "But we'll be able to tell whether the ceasefire has achieved sufficient success to justify sending in peacekeepers," he said.

US rejects control of peace force by Boutros Ghali

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

UNITED Nations observers were prevented from visiting Zepa yesterday as Serb forces continued their assault on the besieged Muslim town.

The new threat to establishing peace in Bosnia was echoed in New York, where America threatened not to participate in any new United Nations peacekeeping force unless Boutros Boutros Ghali, the secretary-general, agrees to allow Nato a wide measure of control. In a working paper, he has asked the UN Security Council to give him and Thorvald Stoltenberg of Norway, his special representative, power to interfere in the day-to-day decisions affecting the proposed 70,000-strong UN force.

American officials say this demand is "totally unacceptable" if Washington is to provide the 40 to 45 per cent of the force that it has offered. At a closed meeting of the 15-nation security council on Tuesday night, Madeleine Albright, America'a ambassador to the UN, reportedly made clear that Washington's participation in a proposed force would be conditional on the world body satisfying its concerns about command and control.

"If the United States is to participate in such an operation, we will have to be convinced that the plan is one in which there is a military structure in place that, in all its dimensions, can ensure the safety of the troops and personnel on the ground as well as one that in our collective judgment offers the best hope for success," she said.

Dr Boutros Ghali said in his working paper that the theatre commander of the new force, expected to be Admiral Jeremy Boorda of Nato's southern command, should report daily to the UN special representative, adding: "If the special representative judged that proposed operations were inconsistent with the security council's authorisation, he would immediately inform the secretary-general who, if he agreed, would bring the matter to the attention of the security council.

"The secretary-general would have the right to ask the theatre force commander for special reports at any time he deemed necessary," the paper said. "The secretary-general would also be authorised to take the initiative in recommending to the security council any measures he judged necessary to reorient, correct or even bring to an end the military operations."

Washington wants the chain of operational command to run to the security council through Supreme Allied Command Europe and the North Atlantic Council rather than through the secretary-general and his special representative. American officials argue that only Nato is capable of conducting such an extensive operation.

As rebel Serbs leaders met to decide if they would ratify the international peace accord for Bosnia, their military forces were continuing their large-scale assault on Zepa, one of the last remaining Muslim communities in the east of the country. A group of UN observers sent to investigate the plight of the enclave was turned back at a Bosnian Serb checkpoint, a UN spokesman said. The observers, who had been given high-level Serb permission to travel, were last night returning to the UN's Bosnia headquarters at Kiseljak and would try again to reach Zepa today.

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Standing on ceremony: a soldier salutes Constantin Mitsotakis, left, the Greek prime minister, and Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, as they arrive at the Bosnian Serb parliament in Pale for yesterday's debate on whether the Vance-Owen peace plan for Bosnia should be approved

Paradise Valley awaits death of two-headed calf

FROM TIM JUDAH IN PALE

The Bosnian Serb deputies make no secret of their hatred for the peace plan by Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen. It is a two-headed calf, muttered one darkly. But it was on the strength of this that their leaders appealed to them to support it. After all, two-headed calves do not survive, ran the argument, so neither will this, and it is better to sign up and achieve "final victory" through peace.

It was not a happy day in the sweltering heat of the restaurant of the Paradise Valley hotel. Not only had President Milosevic of Serbia come to urge the deputies to ratify the plan, but so had Constantine Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister, and President Cosic of the rump Yugoslav.

They sat in serried ranks as the visitors appealed, cajoled, "spoke directly" and above all begged. Behind the scenes, Mr Milosevic may have been threatening, but in public he said he was "being honest". He told the deputies: "There is no alternative," adding that the real fight for "liberty" had already been won on the battlefield. The applause was polite but hardly overwhelming.

The visitors had one clear message. Unless they accepted the plan, the risk of military intervention was very real, and unless they signed they risked losing everything. They must not gamble.

When Mr Mitsotakis arrived, he stumbled into a guard of honour which he was too polite to refuse to inspect. Mr Milosevic managed to avoid this apparent acknowledgement of the sovereignty of the Bosnian Serb state. In theory, the plan demands the dismantling of any such state. "Do not think about it too much," urged Mr Cosic. "Accept it."

Down the mountain in Pale, where the Bosnian Serbs have made their headquarters, ordinary people milled about and gossiped about the important visitors. For months, they have been told by their leaders and official media that the plan is bad, that they are en route for a greater Serbia, and that they will never have to live with Muslims and Croats again. With the threat of military intervention looming, and the recent about-turn of Mr Milosevic and now Radovan Karadzic, their leader, they have been left confused.

"I support the plan," said one soldier, who said the Muslims had burned his house near Sarajevo. "We should accept it. But we can never sign anything with [Bosnian President] Izetbegovic." Patrolling Nato jets droned above.

"I think they will say no," said Todor Dutina, the director of the Bosnian Serb news agency. "This plan has nothing to do with reality and I don't believe in intervention. If they are going to intervene they are going to do whatever we decide. The final goal is the atomisation of former Yugoslavia."

Some Serbs are making sure that the plan can not come into effect, even if it is signed. The road to Pale leads through Konjevic Polje, a Muslim village which fell to the Serbs in mid-March. Houses that were still intact then are still being set alight so that their inhabitants cannot return.

On the border with Serbia, one soldier chuckled when asked what he what do when he was "demilitarised". He said: "I'll sew a 'police' patch on my arm. There's nothing to say that police can't wear khaki."

Meanwhile, in New York, Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretary-general, called on the security council yesterday to set up an international tribunal in The Hague with broad powers to try those responsible for war crimes in the former Yugoslavia.

He said that the court should have jurisdiction to try crimes ranging from genocide and forced deportation to wanton destruction of towns.

Clinton faces struggle to win over sceptical public on deployment

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ **Within weeks, US troops may be off to Bosnia. The timing is critical: if the president delays to win over domestic opinion, they could get caught in fresh ethnic crossfire**

ONE way or another, President Clinton will shortly be ordering US servicemen to Bosnia, but he has barely begun the task of persuading a profoundly sceptical American people that such a hazardous step is necessary.

If Bosnia's Serbs adhere to the Vance-Owen peace plan, Mr Clinton will within weeks be dispatching more than 20,000 US troops to the Balkans as part of a multinational peace force. If they violate the plan, the US Air Force will almost inevitably end up bombing Serb positions.

Scarcely a third of the public favour any sort of intervention in Bosnia, and without that backing it is far from clear that Mr Clinton could secure the congressional authorisation he is likely, but not compelled, to seek before putting US servicemen in danger.

There are presently as many views in Congress as there are congressmen. Some invoke memories of the Holocaust and Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler, others of how the US was sucked into Vietnam, still others of how 241 US peacekeepers died in a terrorist attack on their Beirut barracks on October 1983.

"This is truly an issue on which members are torn," said Thomas Foley, the House Speaker, and few yesterday were prepared to predict confidently that Congress would back Mr Clinton without public pressure, although congressional leaders said later that there would be bipartisan support for the president.

Even after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Senate voted only 52-47 in favour of military action, the House 250-183. "The president has to do a much better job of selling [military intervention] to the American people," said Dennis DeConcini, the Democratic chairman of the Senate intelligence committee.

Mr Clinton has promised an address to the nation after Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, returns from his European tour this week. Yesterday, he used a White House reception for US troops returning from Somalia to promote the idea of American involvement around the world. "We still face threats. We still have responsibilities. The world has not seen the end of evil, and America can lead other countries to share more of the responsibilities that they ought to be shouldering," he said.

One of the key dilemmas with which the administration and the allies are still grappling is how rapidly to deploy peacekeepers if the Bosnian Serbs do accept the Vance-Owen peace plan. Mr Clinton would enjoy greater domestic support if he waited a few weeks to establish that the warring parties were abiding by the plan, thereby ensuring that the multinational force did not find itself caught in crossfire. But the longer the delay, the more chance of new fighting erupting.

Domestic support would also be enhanced if US servicemen were under direct American, rather than UN or Nato, control — another issue that has yet to be resolved.

Yeltsin says Russia may send men

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin said yesterday that Russia would send peacekeeping troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina if Bosnian Serbs accept the Vance-Owen peace plan and he did not rule out supporting the use of force if they refused.

His statement, coinciding with the vote due in the self-appointed Bosnian Serb parliament, emphasised Russia's commitment to the West's strategy to end the conflict. It signalled a last-minute effort by Moscow to pressurise the Serbs into accepting the deal.

In a joint statement issued after Mr Yeltsin and Andrei Kozyrev, his foreign minister, held talks with Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, both sides said they would commit "appropriate military forces of their own to assist in peacekeeping endeavours" if the parliament in Pale approved the plan.

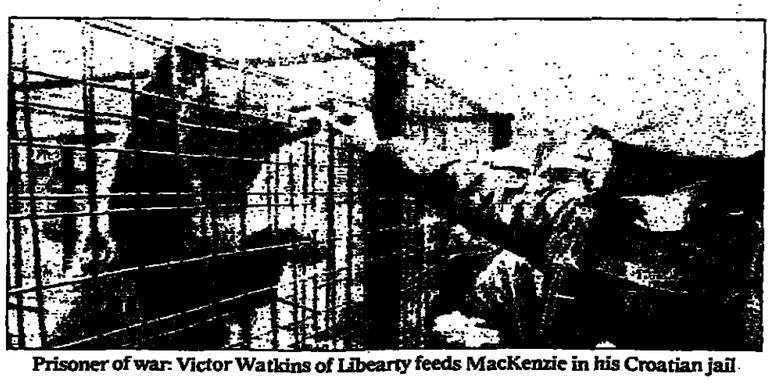
The statement, the toughest yet to be signed by Moscow, provides explicitly for Russia to take part in "new, tougher measures" if the plan is rejected. It added that "no measures are prejudged or excluded from consideration", but it stopped short of an outright commitment to the use of force to end the fighting.

Speaking after the talks, Mr Kozyrev said Russia was willing to offer troops to guard a land corridor linking Bosnian Serb territory and Serbia but he declined to say how Russia would proceed if the Serbs continued their aggression.

Mr Christopher said the two sides were "on the same wavelength" and emphasised that the tone of agreement reached at last month's Vancouver summit had continued in Moscow. He said the two leaders would confer by telephone after the Bosnian Serb vote. General Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister, said the Russian military and government were "united in their concern" for Bosnia.

British troops battle to bail out frontline bear

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN VITEZ



Prisoner of war: Victor Watkins of Libearty feeds MacKenzie in his Croatian jail

TROOPS never like to leave a battleground knowing that they are leaving a comrade behind. It is thus with deep sadness that the Cheshire battalion group, which has been based in central Bosnia, is beginning to pack up and go without MacKenzie.

He is a European brown bear in Croat hands who has been adopted by the British troops as a mascot. The Croats are keeping MacKenzie in a small cage on the front line a few miles from the British base. Named after Major General Louis MacKenzie, the gruff Canadian former commander of United Nations forces in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, the bear has become a bit of a celebrity.

The British soldiers have offered £2,000 for him and their patrols stop daily beside his cage to feed him leftovers from the cookhouse. His new owners, unfortunately, have so far been unwilling to sell.

"Some soldiers came across the bear, caged and hungry, at the back of a restaurant one day out on patrol after there was heavy fighting and the area was captured by Croat forces," said Major James Myles, the spokesman for the British forces at their Bosnian headquarters. "It would seem his Muslim owner kept him to attract customers, but left him behind when he fled the area."

Victor Watkins, the campaign director of Libearty, a charity established to help bears in distress, has now arrived in Bosnia in an attempt to negotiate MacKenzie's release and to transport him to a newly established bear reserve at Amindo, northern Greece. "We regularly rescue bears like MacKenzie, for instance performing bears owned by gypsies in Europe or bears used for baiting in Pakistan, so we were pleased to help out here in Bosnia," he said.

British army engineers have agreed to build a cage and transport the animal to Croatia, where he can be flown to safety, but the Croats will still not part with him. Not all hope is lost, however, and Mackenzie could yet escape from the battle zone and retire to a quieter region of the Balkans. "If the Croats won't sell him, maybe we will just have to free him ourselves," one soldier said darkly.

Mandela says that history demands Britain must help

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

INSISTING that Britain bore prime responsibiity for sowing the seeds of violent upheaval in South Africa, Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, told MPs in London yesterday that they now had a particular duty to help his country achieve democracy and prosperity.

"History demands of you that you help us achieve a speedy transition to a non-racial and non-sexist democracy because your very national interest requires you to do so," he said. "This, history has decreed, and not the sentimental heart of an old man."

Addressing MPs from all parties in the Palace of Westminister, the 74-year-old ANC president said it was from Parliament itself that "there issued decisions which imposed on my country and people a condition of existence which condemned us, as South Africans, to seek to resolve our conflicts not through peaceful means but by other than peaceful means." He added, with emotion: "Your right to determine your own destiny was used to deny us to determine our own."

But in paying tribute to Britons who opposed apartheid from a sense of moral obligation, he said the British government must now play a role in the peace process in South Africa and in rebuilding and restructuring its economy. Specifically he appealed to Britain to use its contacts with all political actors "to persuade them to abandon their selfish and sectarian positions and stop blocking movement forward".

The government should use its influence to ensure the earliest possible establishment of the transitional executive council and the related commissions. He added that, as South Africa emerged from 30 years of illegality, its leaders lacked experience of elections, parliamentary practice and administration. Britain should therefore extend "all-round assistance to us". He called for direct investment, the opening of new markets and help in creating jobs for millions of unemployed.

Violence, he said, was "a matter of grave concern". He took very seriously reports that white right wing groups had put African leaders and activists on death lists. The South African government had to do a lot more to deal with this, and Britain too should put pressure on Pretoria to carry out its obligations on violence.

Four police officers, including a woman, were killed yesterday and five wounded in an ambush that brought a grim new dimension to violence in South Africa. Unlike the generally random attacks that claimed the lives of 275 policemen last year, the predawn ambush in Soweto, outside Johannesburg, was executed with a chilling military precision that has been relatively rare in South Africa.

As a police bus carrying 23 men and women pulled up at traffic lights in the Dobsonville area, gunmen opened fire with AK-47 assault rifles from both sides of the road. Some of the fire was directed at the vehicle's tyres to make sure it could not get away. Some of the police managed to return the fire and some of the gunmen may have been hit.

In London, on his way to lunch with Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, Mr Mandela was asked about the Soweto ambush, and responded by condemning all violence.



Mandela: government must use its influence



Fighting talk: Giulio Andreotti calling at a Rome press conference yesterday for the Italian senate to lift his legal immunity and allow prosecutors to try to prove alleged ties between the former prime minister and the Mafia

Denmark wavers under pressure to accept treaty

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN COPENHAGEN

AS THE big guns of Westminster's Maastricht debate rumble in the distance, Denmark's opposition to the treaty appears to be weakening — if Jens Bojsen-Moller's opinions are any guide.

Sitting in a Tivoli gardens bar, he is wavering between again voting "no" to the European Community treaty or switching to a "yes". A Copenhagen student and medal-winning Olympic yachtsman, Mr Bojsen-Moller is, in common with most Danes, not fond of the EC. His heart tells him to vote "no", but his head is beginning to resign him to acceptance. "Being a doubter," he says, "I will probably decide in the voting booth. That's what I did last time and we're having the same referendum as we had last year."

The question of whether Danes are being asked to pronounce on the same treaty or something new lies at the heart of a campaign that has just under a fortnight to run. The Danish establishment, pushing a "yes" with less complacency than last time, emphasises two big changes. Denmark, the country's leaders claim, brought the EC down to earth when its voters rejected Maastricht last June. The shockwaves wrecked the timetable for monetary union and a more flexible, open and accountable Community will emerge. Secondly, the whole EC agreed, in Edinburgh last December, that Denmark need not take part in a single currency or an EC defence policy. Thus, the government argues, Danes can safely opt for "Maastricht Lite".

But Mr Bojsen-Moller is not yet persuaded. "In ten years, it will be different. As time passes, the union will be more complete. They cut off bits of our independence like slicing salami."

His ear-ringed friend, Niels Westergaard, remains alarmed: the apparently comforting footnotes to Maastricht are a confidence trick. He believes, as does roughly one Dane in five, that Denmark should never have joined the EC. The Community seems to them a distant and monstrous baroque farce in which hordes of Roman Catholic peasants in the south despoil Denmark's welfare state, environmental laws and autonomy.

The EC threat of a "Maastricht II" without Denmark has worked. The anti-treaty campaign is trying to steady the nerve of its followers. One opposition poster features Denmark as a tiny unconquered outpost on the tip of Europe, drawn in the style of Asterix the Gaul's village, holding out against the Roman legions. But the voters determined to make a last stand have dwindled.

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Italian party acts over graft

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE beleaguered Italian Socialist party agreed yesterday that in future its members of parliament must vote to lift the immunity of deputies implicated in corruption charges.

The agreement, arrived at after an all-night meeting, amounted to a compromise by Giorgio Benvenuto, the new party leader, who had threatened to resign unless there was a purge of suspect party officials. The party's national executive had proposed that those under investigation in Italy's anti-corruption drive, Operation Clean Hands, would have the option of resigning voluntarily or facing suspension.

But Signor Benvenuto appeared content with the compromise when the executive agreed that Socialist MPs must vote to lift the immunity of their colleagues. Ten of the 37 members of the national executive are under investigation, as are 34 of its 91 MPs in the chamber of deputies and ten of the 37 Socialist senators.

Today, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the new prime minister, will present his government's programme, prior to a parliamentary vote of confidence expected next week.

Mitterrand did not ring back fraught Bérégovoy

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

DESERTED by his friends, a lonely and desperate Pierre Bérégovoy tried in vain to meet President Mitterrand to discuss his fears that he would be dragged deeper into financial scandal, according to press reports yesterday.

The fresh clues to the former prime minister's state of mind before his suicide were published by *Le Canard Enchaîné*, the investigative weekly, as the media and court officials expressed amazement over M Mitterrand's charge that Bérégovoy had been "thrown to the dogs". As *Libération* put it: "Thrown by whom and to which dogs?"

The picure of Bérégovoy's anguish presented by *Le Canard* and other newspapers confirmed comments from contrite Socialist leaders that the prime minister of the party's final months in power was shunned by colleagues and the president after the huge electoral defeat in March. Always regarded by the party's élite as an outsider and a bumpkin, *Le Canard* said, the self-taught former prime minister had made himself a nuisance with his fretting over the affair of his interest-free loan from the late businessman Roger-Patrice Pelat.

After failing to return calls from his long-time collaborator, M Mitterrand was alerted at the end of last week about his depressed state, *Le Canard* said. The president telephoned him last Thursday and made an appointment to meet him on Monday.

The weekly journal, which broke the news of the Pelat loan and publishes reliable insider accounts from the political world, quoted M Mitterrand as telling one of his confidants the day after the suicide that he had "not sensed any urgency" in Bérégovoy's voice. "Perhaps I should have told him to come round that same evening. But he was talking normally. I didn't feel the least danger."

Bérégovoy, who took his life with his bodyguard's Magnum .357 last Saturday evening, was irrationally convinced, said *Le Canard*, that he could be charged and even jailed. Passionately attached to his image of integrity, he feared that he and his family would be dragged through the mud when one of his former subordinates stands trial on June 3 for insider dealing.

"Bérégovoy believed that a vast plot was under way and that it would only end with his final fall."

The former prime minister was certain to be cited at the trial of Alain Boublil, his one-time chief aide, who is charged with helping Pelat make a profit on shares of the American Triangle company when it was bought by the state-owned French firm Péchiney. *Le Canard* also reported that Bérégovoy had not fully repaid the loan of a million francs from Pelat as he claimed when the affair became public in February.

Bérégovoy as a person seemed almost forgotten yesterday as the polemics raged on over whether or not he had been "murdered" by the media, as François Léotard, the defence minsiter, put it. Who is lynching whom? *Le Canard* wondered, pointing out that M Léotard has suffered his own troubles with the law. He and Laurent Fabius, the former prime minister and Socialist leader, were indulging in an "unfathomable baseness ... By turning on journalists they have found a useful wheeze for avoiding facing questions about themselves."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Khmer Rouge attacks Chinese

Phnom Penh: Khmer Rouge guerrillas have attacked a Chinese army engineering unit and adjoining Polish logistics facility in Kompong Thom province, central Cambodia, the United Nations said yesterday. It was the first time the Maoist faction had turned its guns on the country that was its main arms supplier in the 13-year civil war.

China's foreign ministry, without naming the Khmer Rouge, rebuked its one-time ally, saying: "The Chinese government is opposed to violence of any form and strongly condemns acts which jeopardise the safety of the UN peacekeeping personnel."

Eric Falt, spokesman for the peacekeepers, said about 200 Khmer Rouge fired rockets, mortars and rifles at the peacekeepers' positions in the two-hour attack on Tuesday. Nobody was hurt. *(Reuter)*

Treaty delay

Moscow: Ratification by the Russian parliament of the second strategic arms reduction treaty is delayed and unlikely this year, according to visiting American senators, and so is implementation of the first Start treaty by the former Soviet republics.

Uzbeks accused

Moscow: Uzbekistan was accused by the Helsinki Watch group of using censorship, imprisonment and beatings to quell dissent. The central Asian state's human rights record was characterised by violations of freedom of expression, it said. *(AP)*

Re-election bid

Tehran: President Rafsanjani of Iran is to contest the presidential elections on June 11, the *Hamshahri* newspaper reported. A pragmatist who favours economic reform, he is widely expected to win a second four-year term with ease. *(Reuter)*

Waco clues

Washington: About two-thirds of the 75 bodies so far recovered from the Branch Davidian cult compound in Waco had suffered gunshot wounds, according to investigators. But they are still unable to say how the victims were shot or by whom.

Ballet nuisance

Melbourne: A local legalised brothel is complaining that ballet students at a school next door are harassing and scaring away customers, by congregating outside. The brothel's owners have asked Victoria state administrators to close down the school. *(AP)*

Officer in May Day clash dies

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

A POLICEMAN injured in the May Day demonstrations died yesterday, fuelling fears that tension between security forces and hardline opposition forces could worsen as pro- and anti-government demonstrators prepare for further protests on Sunday, Veterans' day.

Vladimir Tolokneyev, the father of an 11-month-old baby, died without regaining consciousness. His head was crushed when a lorry reversed into another placed across the marchers' route by police.

President Yeltsin has vowed to take "stern measures" to prevent a repetition of the violence, in which 150 people were hurt. In a statement issued with Viktor Chernomyrdin, his prime minister, Mr Yeltsin said: "We are dealing with an open attempt by an extreme communist minority to knock Russian society off the peaceful path of reforms and impose political violence on the country."

Final results of last month's referendum showed Mr Yeltsin won 58.7 per cent support for his rule and 53 per cent backing for his radical reform policies. The 514 complaints of irregularities had not affected the result.

☐ **Trip postponed:** Mr Yeltsin's planned visit to Japan this month has been put off until later in the year. (Reuter)

Steel strike set to spread across east Germany as talks collapse

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BERLIN

■ **Union leaders are seeking to double the number of factories shut in Saxony by the end of the week. Employers plan to lock out workers who want pay deals honoured**

THE east German steel strike looked set to spread across the region yesterday after 17 hours of negotiations between union leaders and employers collapsed.

As the strike entered its third day, union leaders said that the number of factories to be shut down in the state of Saxony would be doubled by the end of the week. "Our answer to the outrageous stance of the metal employers will be an expansion of the strike much earlier than we had planned," said Hasso Düvel, chief negotiator of the IG Metall union in Saxony.

Steel workers downed tools on Monday in east Germany's first legal strike for 60 years after employers refused to honour an agreement to boost their wages by 26 per cent, to match West German levels. They have offered a 9 per cent rise instead.

As the gulf widened between the two sides, employers said they may have to consider locking out the steel workers. They added that presently all efforts to reach a compromise looked doomed.

The talks broke down after 17 hours when employers demanded that local factories be given the option of negotiating their own pay deals with staff, German television said. Herr Düvel, however, said that the two sides had reached agreement on some points, including delaying the equitable pay rise and arranging a timetable for implementing it. He said that employers were willing in principle to abide by the agreement to gradually adjust east German wages to match West German levels.

By yesterday, 30,000 metal and steel workers had stopped work in the three states of Saxony, Brandenburg and Mecklenburg-West Pomerania. One union official said the strike looked set to last until the end of next week.

For the moment, there appears to be no solution in sight to the dispute. Striking workers remain angry that employers had reneged on their agreement. The employers claim they currently do not have the money to increase wages by so high a level and that many east German firms are unable to meet the higher wage bills.

Strikers on the picket lines angrily dismissed these claims. "They raise MPs' salaries but here they make cuts," said Birgit Ganzert, 43, standing on the picket line at the steel plant in the town of Brandenburg. "I am a single parent and I get paid DM 1,500 (£625) a month."

If the strike does spread throughout east Germany, where 330,000 are employed in the metal and steel industries, it could have a devastating effect on the already ravaged economy here.

Bavarian barracks echo to Nazi songs

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN



Nazi note: war marches are back in fashion

GERMAN soldiers celebrated the renaming of their barracks by singing Nazi-era songs and requesting a five-mark contribution from guests towards a "war chest", according to politicians who attended the party.

Social Democrats, Free Democrats and Greens yesterday spoke of the "incredible insensitivity" of the soldiers in the Bavarian barracks, now called the Franz Josef Strauss barracks, after the late conservative Bavarian leader. His two sons were in the audience as soldiers chanted the song of *Wehrmacht* paratroopers, "Red shines the sun".

One of the verses, viewed as particularly martial, has been banned by the general staff since 1980. But a less aggressive verse, sung at Tuesday night's celebrations, and referring to being "ready for take-off against the enemy" was enough to cause worried statements from politicians in Munich.

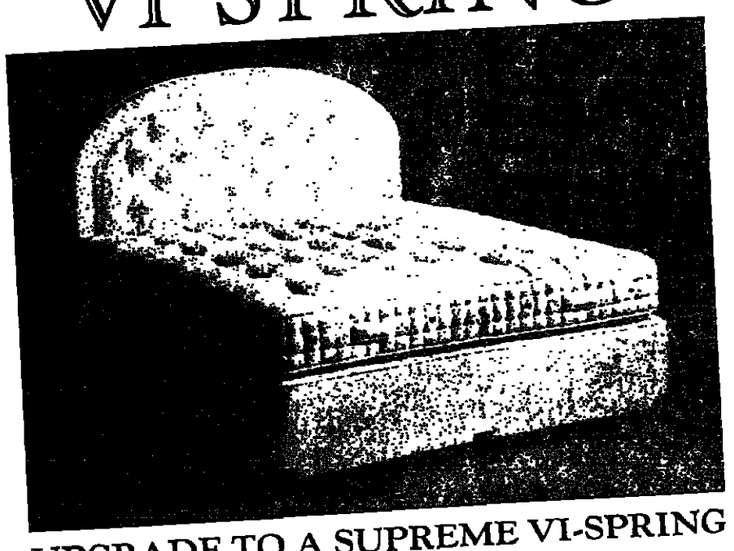
Much of the evening was spent applauding members of the unit who will be serving with the UN mission in Somalia, the closest Germans have come to any kind of ground combat role since the second world war.

Politicians have called for an investigation into the affair. They are nervous the mood is shifting in the army and that old fighting legends from the second world war could be revived.

Similar suspicions were aroused on May Day when witnesses claim they heard federal border troops, marching towards demonstrators in Berlin, sing the Nazi Horst Wessel song.

☐ **Rostock:** Forty-four people were arrested after a neo-Nazi mob hurled stones and smoke bombs at a left-wing women's centre and a youth club in this eastern German city, which was hit by racist violence last year. Nobody in the buildings was hurt. *(AFP)*

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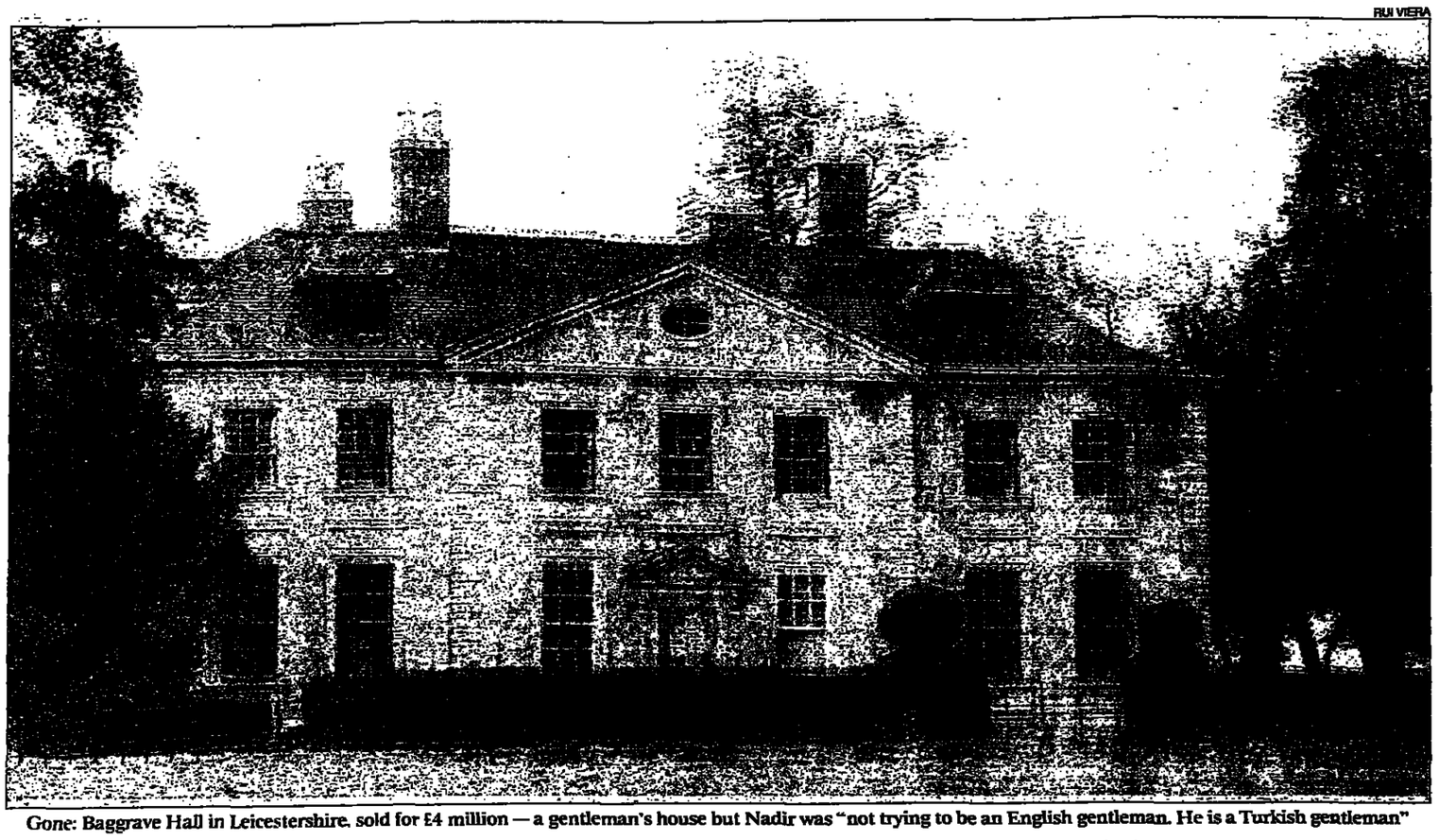
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Wide-boy or would-be English gentleman? **Alice Thomson** looks at the enigma of a missing tycoon

RUI VIERA



Gone: Baggrave Hall in Leicestershire, sold for £4 million — a gentleman's house but Nadir was "not trying to be an English gentleman. He is a Turkish gentleman"

Nadir's goodbye to all this

His cars seemed to say it all. First there was the 1986 Ferrari Testarossa registration AN11 in rosso red with cream leather interior (it was used only for the shopping). Then there was the Bentley Continental registration AN6, the Range Rover with brown hide interior, the BMWs, the Mercs and a couple of Volvos.

In some ways Asil Nadir epitomised the self-made tycoon of the 1980s. He was the wide boy who had built up a rag-trade business in London's East End to a £2 billion empire to squander it on fripperies before going bust. The image was reinforced by his beautiful former wife and model Ayesha, who arrived at his first appearance at Bow Street magistrates court in a dark fur-trimmed coat and spent hours on her mobile phone.

At the same time his lifestyle had the trappings of the English landed gentry. One son went to Eton, he owned a 700-acre estate in Leicestershire and he even reared pedigree prize cattle (although he didn't like meat) and sponsored polo days at Windsor.

But Mr Nadir has never fitted either description easily. Despite loving the company of beautiful women he was no night-clubbing playboy. He has two sons by Ayesha, who he has married and divorced twice and another two by a woman he never married. He is now married to a Turkish woman, Abide. In 30 years in Britain he never broke into the ranks of the English establishment (although he has always had powerful political friends in Turkey). According to his former wife: "He is not trying to be an English gentleman. He is a Turkish gentleman."

Mr Nadir had a £3 million town house in Aldford Street, Mayfair, another property in Bishop's Avenue, Hampstead, on "Millionaires' Row", and he owned Tudor Baggrave Hall in Leicestershire, which sold for £4 million. But these were just tasters.

Unlike many of his contemporaries, he has always had impeccable taste. Where he knew he had not, he brought in the experts. Henry Kissinger was one. The former US Secretary of State advised him on interior designing.



When Mr Nadir married Ayesha for the second time he bought her a palatial home on the Bosphorus which had once belonged to an Ottoman pasha. And on his final binge he bought the Grade I listed Burley House at Burley on the Hill, Leicestershire, one of Britain's finest Palladian mansions.

But it was at the Polly Peck headquarters, in Berkeley Square that Mr Nadir excelled himself, spending £7 million in three years. Valerie Grove, who once interviewed him there for *The Sunday Times*, says: "Most powerful businessmen go for minimalism in their offices . . . But not Mr Nadir. His office was rich, opulent and colourful with endless draped curtains and brocades, very Turkish. Wealth oozed out of every crevice and it was magnificent in every detail. I found it rather consoling to find someone who had time for the ornate."

Mr Nadir, a workaholic, had no time to shop. Ayesha furnished their Eaton Square apartment with grand English furniture from Partridge in Bond Street and Mr Nadir asked the wife of one of his oldest Turkish friends, Armagen Tekvar, to do up his offices with 18th century French furniture.

All had to be in pristine condition. The scruffy look loved by British aristocrats was anathema to Mr Nadir. When the contents of Berkeley Square were auctioned at Phillips' they raised £3.5 million. So many people turned up that the sale had to be conducted on three floors. The former Mrs Nadir settled into a front-row seat, smiling. When reporters asked her if she was distressed, she replied: "Well it was only his office furniture."

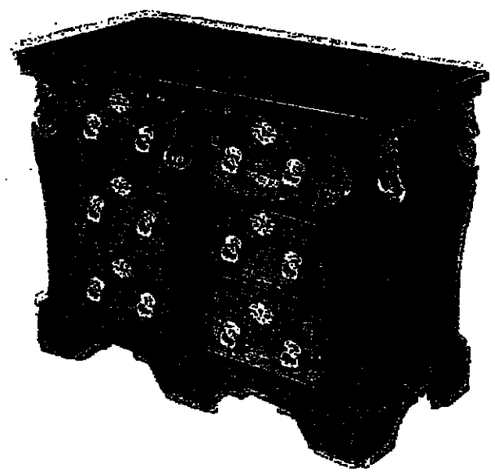
The furniture in question included "Harem ladies Feeding Pigeons in a Palace Courtyard", by Gerome, two Turner watercolours and other obviously essential office equipment such as a £450 19th century umbrella stand, a £1,900 Regency oyster tray, a pair of globes for £30,000 and nine blotters worth £5,400.

According to friends, he never cared for luxury. Rather his wealth was used as part of a tactical financial policy. One man who worked closely with him and lost money to him, says: "His lifestyle was frugal. He was very happy with a plate of olives and tomatoes for breakfast and lentil soup for lunch. It was only when he had to entertain for business that you would find him at Annabel's. His one extravagance was his art. He adored 16th and 17th century Islamic art."

When Mr Nadir had problems turning Burley House into a lavish hotel and the deer park into a golf course he let the house decay and the gardens become a wilderness. The house had never appealed to him, whereas Joss Hanbury, who had sold him Burley, was devestated at its state.

His former wife was probably right. After headlines such as "Asil reaches his nadir", colleagues asked him why he didn't change his name. "I know that in English the nadir is the lowest point," he would reply. "But in Turkish it means rare and Asil means noble. So I am delighted to have the name. My Turkish name is, after, all what counts."

And it is in North Cyprus where he is still referred to in awe-struck tones as the man who bought pride to the Turkish Cypriots rather than shame for alleged inside trading, share-support operations and fraud. It may be galling to his shareholders, but as he sits in his large house in northern Cyprus, or wanders in his lemon groves, one of the last things Mr Nadir will be thinking about are the trappings he forfeited.



Gone: Asil Nadir, above, is now believed to be in his villa and citrus groves in northern Cyprus, having left behind all *the trappings of the English landed gentry*
Gone: a George III chandelier, left, sold for £139,150
Gone: a George II commode, right, sold for £73,370

Why men get more firsts



MARGOT NORMAN

This morning I have been struggling with a conundrum, namely, what is the correlation between *the number of hairs* on a fruit fly's bottom and the number of first class degrees awarded to female undergraduates in Cambridge? Relax, dear reader, and do not join the struggle for it is bootless: I can tell you before we begin that, although no less eminent a person than Dr Charles Goodhart, formerly senior tutor at Gonville and Caius College, maintains there is such a correlation, and although no less lowly a person than myself, a humble hack, contradicts him, in this case the hack is right.

Varsity, the Cambridge student newspaper, has this week demonstrated that women are only being awarded around half as many firsts as men in proportion to their numbers. The students had to compile their lists of Tripos results themselves, going back to 1982, because the university no longer breaks down the results by gender. The statistics therefore came as a shock to most of the university community, although some senior members, among them Dr Goodhart, had been aware of the discrepancy for some time.

Dr Goodhart, a zoologist, performed a useful service by reviewing the statistics and drawing attention to the phenomenon in *The Cambridge Review* in 1988. He also pointed out that women tend to "bunch" in the second class, with fewer thirds and failures than the men. Then he went and ruined it by talking about gorillas and orang-utans, and proposing that the pattern of women's performance in the Tripos was "a genuinely biological effect" which reflects the fact that in general the males of the species dominate the extremes of performance. Incredibly, the number of bristles on a fruit fly's bottom served to reinforce his argument: "The mean number of bristles for the two sexes is approximately the same. The variance, however, is much wider for males."

Well now, how interesting. And how utterly, entirely, bitheringly irrelevant. If Dr Goodhart would like to sit down with a female colleague and devise some tests appropriate to the limited intellectual capacities of our male and female hirsute friends, the orang-utans, gorillas and fruit flies, and then present me with his results, I shall listen to him politely.

If you are finding me more than usually categorical today, it is because I have noted what Oxbridge people say they are looking for. As one (female) undergraduate phrased it to *Varsity*: "It's male examiners who write the papers and the exams are very much geared to a masculine discourse — a very aggressive, hard-hitting, punchy sort of style. Women skirt around the issues and they are not as confident, whereas men come in, cut down everyone else's theory and say, this is what I think." Quite so.

At present 10.3 per cent of men and 6.2 per cent of women in British universities and former polys get firsts. But at Oxford, for the period 1984-8, the figures were 16.7 per cent and 9.1 per cent respectively. Go back to the period 1967-76, when the women were clustered in all-female colleges, and you find a much narrower gap, 11.2 per cent to 9.7 per cent. True, the women were few, very much the crème de la crème *rather than 4.3 per cent* of the university population as they are now, but how do you account for the fact that it was precisely when the men's colleges started admitting women that the men raised their game dramatically and the gap widened? Fiddlesticks to "genuinely biological effects", at any rate of the Goodhart kind.

The Cambridge results show some weird variations. In Social and Political studies, a nice new course with no entrenched masculinities and more female tutors, women got twice as many firsts as men in last year's finals, and three times as many in Part I. Yet in History, a venerable, male-dominated discipline, 16 per cent of men and not a single one of the 75 women got a first in Part I. And guess what, women's History finals results have improved a bit since they introduced "blind marking" of scripts, but tutors now tell girls to develop masculine handwriting!

> Are male examiners guilty of marking us down?

Ruth Deech, principal of St Anne's College, is Oxford's only female head of a mixed college. That in itself speaks volumes. At Oxbridge only about 15 per cent of dons and five per cent of professors (and therefore very few exam-setters and markers) are female. To become an academic these days you pretty much have to get a first, so it looks as though this pattern of female underachievement will only get worse unless something positive is done.

Mrs Deech doesn't think the confrontational Oxbridge tutorial system is to blame but she does think her female students cope less well with exam stress. She finds them more emotionally vulnerable, more conscientious overall and less able ruthlessly to concentrate on the essentials for exam success. They also "blossom" more than the men, take up more hobbies and get out of the university more.

So let's tackle learning strategies, before the senior common room reverts to an all-male institution. Let's persuade Oxford or Cambridge to set up an experiment in which three subjects, say, in two years' time will have all their finals papers set and blind-marked by women (preferably with typewritten scripts). Academics can be borrowed from London University, where there are more, and more senior, women if need be. Let them offer courses for women in exam techniques, and let them publicise that there is a push on to get more female firsts. I'll bet you anything that, while the fruit fly's bottom will grow no more hairs, the number of women getting firsts will rocket.

Governments steer away from sticking their oar in

A new book has prompted politicians on both sides of the Atlantic to look at 're-inventing' their bureaucracies

Judge a decade by its how-to manuals. The 1970s produced whole bookshelves of guides to hyper-achievement: like *Total Fitness* and *Maximum Performance*; ten years later, greed was good and every yuppie carried a copy of the business bestseller, *In Search of Excellence*.

But in the sober 1990s, the handbook to be seen with is definitely *Reinventing Government*, by David Osborne and Ted Gaebler. Bill Clinton swears by it. So does William Waldegrave. After a decade of free market politics, could it be that statecraft is back in style?

For Mr Osborne, who visited London this week under the auspices of *The Times* and the European Policy Forum, the book is the product of a long intellectual struggle to reclaim the idea of government from the battering it took from Vietnam, Watergate and the politics of the New Right. "We wrote it because we felt that the public would never put their faith in government again unless it was revitalised," he says. Ted Kennedy's disastrous bid to become president was, Mr Osborne says, the death rattle of an old style of high-spending Democrat politics that put him and other *serious liberal journalists "on* the lookout for fundamental ideas about reshaping policy and governance".

It also brought him into contact with Mr Gaebler, the city manager of Visalia, California, who had transformed the town's public services and introduced an extraordinary sense of civic enterprise. "He *clearly believed in government*, he was a Democrat. But he didn't believe in doing it the old way. He had a very entrepreneurial enthusiasm," Mr Osborne says.

The book, written after four years researching new trends in local government, was on the *New York Times* bestseller list for eight weeks and was described by the president-to-be last year as a "blueprint" which "should be read by every official in America".

Rejecting the tired debate between liberal believers in big government and neo-conservatives committed to slashing the state at all costs, the book argues that old-fashioned bureaucracies are far too rigid for a high-tech information age in which people expect choice, flexibility and a custom-built lifestyle.

"Think about the characteristics of a traditional bureaucracy — large, top-down, centralised, monopolistic," Mr Osborne says. "Organisations like that are no longer effective. They don't get you top-*quality service, well-trained* students, well-trained workers, high quality of industry. They're steady, slow and routinised."

"Reinvented" government works in a different way. It concentrates on results not procedures. It thrives on competition, decentralisation and accountability. And it delegates decision-making to citizens rather than quangos. It looks for economies by "melting off fat" rather than cutting off limbs. It "steers" but does not "row": a distinction that is already becoming a mantra for think-tanks and politicians on both sides of the Atlantic.



David Osborne: 'Traditional bureaucracies are steady, slow and routinised'

"The word 'govern' comes from the Greek word which means helmsman," Mr Osborne says. "Steering means setting the direction for a society, making sure that communities are healthy, families are healthy, businesses are healthy. Rowing is actually peforming those services."

So why not fire the army and the police and let the MoD and Home Office put the work out to tender? Ah, well: that's different, Mr Osborne says. In areas "where there's an extreme sensitivity of some kind", such as tax collection, police work and defence, the government must row as well as steer. The trick, presumably, is knowing exactly which areas they are.

In *Reinventing Government*, the British government has spotted the tidy vocabulary which has been missing from its own jargon-ridden efforts to transform the public sector under the banner of the Citizen's Charter. Mr Waldegrave *sang the praises of the book in* a *Times* essay last week. For his part, Mr Osborne is intrigued by the progress which has been made on this side of the Atlantic. He also has a few suggestions.

Schools which opt out of local authority control, he claims, will still need a level of local strategic management to ensure that parental choice is real; prison privatisation will only work if the terms of contracts are in the public domain and contractors fully accountable to parliament. And, of course, he is ready with an example. "The city that best does that, pioneered it, this is Phoenix. They have a system of publishing the bids for competition which means that you have a level playing field."

If there are runes to be read in *Reinventing Government*, they map out a future in which the state will be less active but more dirigiste. It will regulate more and do less. Those that govern us will be "policy-workers" rather than bureaucrats, and the chancelleries of power will resemble think tanks more than offices of state.

It is a curious vision but one which the mild-mannered and articulate Mr Osborne makes rather convincingly. He is already working on a sequel and a computer network for the new breed of official to exchange information.

More importantly, he has been signed up by President Clinton as a policy adviser and will deliver a full report on the public sector later this year. Let the word go forth: the march of the reinventors has begun.

MATTHEW D'ANCONA

● *The American hardback of* Reinventing Government *by David Osborne and Ted Gaebler is available in some British bookshops. A British response by Professor Norman Lewis,* How to Reinvent British Government. *published by the European Policy Forum, 20 Queen Anne's Gate.*

Degenerative diseases across the generations and the return to fashion of old teachings

A way to take control

DEPRESSION, which is one of the most common complications of Parkinson's disease, may well have been a factor in the death this week of Sir Roy Watts. Parkinson's disease was named after Dr James Parkinson, a family doctor whose surgery was in Shoreditch. Fame came late to Dr Parkinson who was 62 when in 1817 he published *his Essay on the Shaking Palsy*. It is said that the attention of Dr Parkinson as he sat listening to his patients often strayed away from the story of their woes to the window so that he could indulge his great interest, a study of the gait and the posture of the passers-by in the street outside.

Dr Parkinson described a condition, which now bares his name, very accurately and was the first to stress that the shake was only a symptom of a more general disease and not the disease itself. As well as causing a tremor, Parkinson's disease, if unchecked, results in a progressive rigidity of movement which makes normal physical activities slow and cumbersome. It takes, for instance, untreated patients an age to do up their buttons, and writing becomes a laborious chore.



Symptoms: Muhammad Ali

Parkinson's is a degenerative disease, and hence usually but not invariably affects the older group: one person in 100 over 65 has it.

A small part of the brain, the substantia nigra, secretes a chemical, dopamine, which is one of the neurotransmitters upon which the correct functioning of many of the brain's activities depend. In Parkinson's disease there is a failure in the production of dopamine and the resulting chemical imbalance affects the patient's movements, posture and co-ordination. It is probable that symptoms of Parkinson's disease are only noticable to patients, or their doctors, when about half the dopamine secreting cells of the substantia nigra have been destroyed. The symptoms of Parkinson's (parkinsonism) can be induced by causes other than Parkinson's disease itself: it is therefore always important for patients to have expert neurological opinion so that damage to substantia nigra by small strokes, repeated injury as in boxers (Mohammed Ali has parkinsonism) or even tumours can be excluded.

One of the myths which Dr Parkinson tried to lay nearly 200 years ago was that Parkinson's disease followed a mis-spent youth or middle age. The tremor of Parkinson's disease is quite different, and much slower, than that caused by alcohol, tea, coffee, anxiety, shivering or even old age. Indeed one of the features of the disease is that it is less likely to affect smokers, but smoking once it is established does not halt its progress.

The drug treatment of Parkinson's disease has improved immeasurably in the past ten years. Neurologists can not eradicate the disease, surgery is in its infancy,



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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

but by juggling with a group of drugs they can slow its course so that the changes in muscle tone, balance and co-ordination are so modified that active independent life is possible for a great many years. Every patient's disease is different and therefore each course of treatment is individual. Just as a good bespoke tailor will disguise his customer's less flattering physical features, so a good neurologist will keep a patient with Parkinson's disease in mainstream life.

While the neurologist deals with the major symptoms, the family doctor, and the family, have to help with a host of minor problems. One of the most distressing is the accompanying tiredness and depression. The tiredness felt by patients with Parkinson's disease can be devastating: unchecked it makes the muscular symptoms worse. Eight hours' sleep, and a nap after lunch can work wonders, but regular exercise too should be maintained. Most patients with Parkinson's disease become depressed; it is not, as is often thought, only a reaction to the diagnosis, which might well be understandable, but part of the disease process itself, very often it will not respond to encouragement in a modified lifestyle but needs specific treatment.

● *The Parkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H ORA (071-383 3513) provides comprehensive literature and is always prepared to offer advice.*

Fruitful change



IF MY father, also a doctor, was alive he would be 118 this week. He regarded aluminium as a toxic metal and warned his patients against it. Like many of his teachings, some of his views are again in fashion. Old-school doctors were appalled when they noticed in a patient's kitchen that aluminium pots and pans had been scoured bright by cooking fruit in them. Rhubarb has an even more dramatic effect.

The magazine *General Practitioner* has recently reported on a symposium on aluminium and its influence on Alzheimer's disease which was held at the Royal Society of Health. The consensus seemed to be that the case against aluminium was unproven, and that there was no evidence that reducing exposure to it would reduce the incidence of Alzheimer's. Having said that, the report then itemised six ways in which aluminium is known to be associated with the disease. Perhaps the two most telling points are that in areas where the natural aluminium levels in the water are high, there is a 50 per cent increase in the number of cases. And secondly in a clinical trial in which patients with Alzheimer's were given the drug desferrioxamine, which removes aluminium from the brain, deterioration was only half as quick as it was in those left untreated.

My father would rest happily if he knew that Professor Jim Edwardson, Professor of neuroendochronology, at Newcastle, also had his doubts about aluminium saucepans. While admitting that there are probably many causes of Alzheimer's, he suggested that doctors could well advise the relatives of patients with the disease to avoid cooking fruit in aluminium pans. It seems the citrate in fruit erodes the usually insoluble coating in the pan and makes the aluminium more readily absorbed.

Fight for a future



Rhys Daniels, the two-year-old from Epping who will develop Batten's disease unless he has expert treatment, may prove to be one of the first casualties of the destruction of London as a great medical centre.

Rhys needs a bone marrow transfusion but, unfortunately, the Westminster Children's Hospital, which housed the world's foremost unit for dealing with cases such as his, has now been closed. For Rhys, there can be no delay for once symptoms have started, the damage is irreversible.

Batten's disease is similar to the better known Tay-Sachs disease. In these diseases, lipids (fats) accumulate abnormally in the cells of the nervous system and also sometimes elsewhere in the body.

Tay-Sachs disease strikes at about six months and essentially affects Jewish babies. A healthy child starts to regress and goes blind as it becomes progressively more demented, and weak, until it dies. Batten's disease, which affects all races, starts when the child is a toddler. Untreated, the illness is as distressing and the end as certain as in Tay-Sachs.

A cord linking life and life

Karla Dowding is two days old. But, within minutes of her birth, she became one of the first of 5,000 new-born babies in Britain to become a bone marrow "donor" in a unique project at Southmead Hospital, Bristol. Within the next two to three years, it is hoped, doctors will be able to provide "off the shelf" bone marrow transplants from a central cord blood bank to thousands of children and adults for whom such operations are the only hope of life.

Within hours of being born, babies could be healing others, writes Aileen Ballantyne

The pioneering technique will allow bone marrow transplants to be carried out using the special bone marrow "seed" cells which are only present in the blood of newborn babies. Until now, the transplants have only been possible if a live donor volunteers for a two-hour operation, under anaesthetic, which involves sucking bone marrow out the hip. Although harmless, it leaves the donor bruised and unable to work for a week.

But for a newborn baby to become a bone marrow "donor" is completely painless and non-invasive. The blood needed for the future transplant comes from the part of the umbilical cord that, at present, is simply discarded after the cord is clamped.

A bone marrow transplant is the only chance of cure for *1,500 people a year in Britain* with leukaemia, but only a tiny percentage of those who could benefit actually get a transplant, because the tissue-typing match between donor and recipient has to be far more precise than for other forms of transplant.

A new laboratory, which will allow doctors in Britain, New York and Paris to set up the world's first central human cord blood bank, will be opened tomorrow at the Southmead Hospital.

The move has become possible due to the recent discovery that the "seed" cells needed to grow bone marrow are present — for just a few hours — in the blood of a baby that has just left its mother's womb. During that time the special cells which create a new baby's bone marrow are "in migration" from the liver into the bones, and large numbers are contained in the blood in the umbilical cord.

Within the next few months, doctors at Southmead will start setting up the bank of frozen cord blood, together with parts of the 5,000 babies' umbilical cords which will be used to facilitate DNA matching with future recipients.

At present, only about 100 of the 500 bone marrow transplants performed in this country every year are from unrelated donors. The present system depends on a panel of 200,000 live unrelated donors who have volunteered to go through bone marrow donation if a recipient with their tissue type needs them. Many of the volunteers came forward last year following an appeal by Gary Lineker, the former England football captain. Mr Lineker, whose baby son, George, has acute myeloid leukaemia, made the appeal when he saw just how desperately ill other patients in his son's ward become when the intensive chemotherapy treatment used to eradicate the disease failed. Such patients have to wait, often for six months and maintained on toxic drugs, until the long process of calling in and testing potential donors can be completed. For many the wait is too long, and they die on the waiting list.

JOANNE O'BRIEN/FORMAT



Helpless lifesaver: a baby's umbilical cord contains the "seed" blood cells used in fighting leukaemia

Dr Gill Hows, consultant haematologist at Southmead, says that in theory an estimated 50 per cent of people in need of a bone marrow transplant could find a suitable unrelated donor. But in practice, due to the complexity of matching and locating donors, when they are needed, only about one in ten of that number actually get a transplant. "The great advantage of using frozen cord blood samples is that we will be able to offer a transplant within about a week," Dr Hows says.

Doctors also expect that the highly precise matching process — which makes up a significant part of the estimated £70,000 cost of unrelated bone marrow transplant operations — may be significantly reduced by the new method.

In addition, it may be possible to carry out operations between less precisely matched donors because, unlike an adult donor, a newborn baby's immune system has not yet developed, and there are less likely to be rejection problems.

For the recipient, a bone marrow transplant is just like a blood transfusion. The stem cells unfailingly find their way into the hollow centres of bones where they establish a healthy bone marrow. That marrow, the body's "factory", produces healthy blood cells.

So far, only a handful of bone marrow transplants using cord blood have been performed, using blood from the umbilical cord of a newborn brother or sister of the recipient. The world's first cord transplant patient, who received the cord blood four years ago, is now a healthy, normal eight-year-old.

Dr Hows launched the cord bank project in conjunction with Professor Ben Bradley, former director of the government's UK Transplant Service, which co-ordinates all transplants in this country. Professor Bradley now heads the department of transplant science at Bristol University.

But finance is a stumbling block. The cord bank project has taken far longer than expected to set up because the funding required has depended entirely on donations of £250,000 from the British Bone Marrow Donor Appeal and the Leukaemia Research Fund. No government funding was involved.

The cord bank could thus face the same financial restrictions as the present bone marrow transplant programme, highlighted this week by the Rhys Daniels case. In Britain, a chasm is growing between what is scientifically possible and what, in National Health Service terms, is practically achievable in terms of saving a human life.

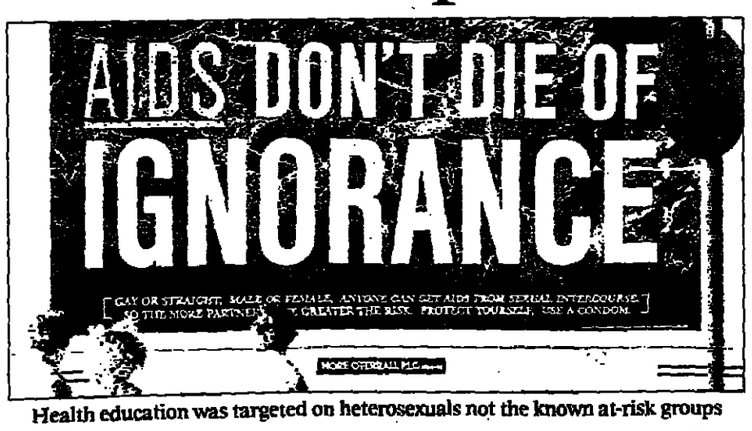
A fortune has been squandered fighting a threat that never existed, says **Dr James Le Fanu**

The high cost of the Aids panic

Announcing large cuts in funding for Aids health educational projects this week, Virginia Bottomley claimed that the government's strategy had been highly effective: "From the word go, we took HIV and Aids very seriously. That is why we have a lower prevalence rate than other countries."

But far from being "highly effective", the Aids campaigns of the last few years have been a monstrous folly in which enormous funds — estimated at over £800 million — have been misdirected in an attempt to prevent a mythical beast, the Heterosexual Aids Epidemic.

The first high-profile Aids campaign was launched in 1986 in an atmosphere of justifiable panic. Fearful of being accused of "doing too little too late", an interdepartmental ministerial cabinet committee was set up and £20 million allocated to the first education campaigns and the distribution of a leaflet warning about the disease to every household. The theme, with its slogan "Don't Die of Ignorance", was the potential heterosexual spread of Aids.



Health education was targeted on heterosexuals not the known at-risk groups

There had been no reported cases of Aids in Britain acquired by casual heterosexual intercourse at this time. But, rather than adjusting the campaign to concentrate on groups recognised to be at high risk like homosexuals and drug users, for the next six years the overriding emphasis was on the dangers of being infected by the HIV virus through vaginal intercourse.

Here, powerful lobbies played a crucial role. Homosexuals were naturally keen to discourage the belief that Aids was a "gay plague" by promoting the notion that everyone was at risk. In a revealing episode from 1987 the Health Education Authority (HEA) endorsed an advertising campaign featuring matchstick men engaging in unusual practices with a tick for the safe ones and a cross for the risky. But when this campaign reached the stage of "concept testing" it was rejected as insulting by representatives of the homosexual community. Left with a large advertising budget to spend, the HEA decided to concentrate on the casual sex angle. But this time no target group was given the opportunity to veto the scheme. So every night for three months television viewers were invited into bed by an alluringly dressed actress.

Much more significant was the role of the Aids "industry" — the doctors, researchers, activists, counsellors and many others who realised early on that if the funds for research, treatment and their salaries were to keep rolling in, the threat of an imminent heterosexual Aids epidemic had to be kept alive in the public mind.

The Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre, whose job it was to monitor the spread of the epidemic, seemed at times committed to spreading alarm in the misleading way it presented its statistics. Particularly in the early years it failedto highlight the very small numbers of Aids cases acquired heterosexually.

The apotheosis of this endeavour was in 1991 when it was revealed that the numbers of women attending ante-natal clinics in London testing positive for the HIV virus had leapt fourfold in four years. Sir Donald Acheson, chief medical officer, talked of "an alarming increase with deeply disturbing implications for everybody".

A re-examination the following year of the details of those who had tested positive found that this rise was almost entirely accounted for by women of African origin who had recently arrived.

In the meantime the staggering costs of the Aids campaign was beginning to be appreciated. Susil Gupta, a London-based sociologist, calculated that "if every counselling service, help line, information network, HIV unit etc is taken into account there is around one Aids support organisation for every three Aids sufferers in Britain."

Defenders of this profligacy, who no doubt include Mrs Bottomley, justify it on two grounds: it was impossible to project how the Aids epidemic would develop and anyhow the campaigns have helped contain it. Neither contention stands up to scrutiny.

There were prima facie reasons for arguing that Aids would be confined to the recognised at risk groups. Biologically HIV virus closely resembles the Hepatitis B virus, which has been around for the best part of 100 years, is transmitted in the same manner, and yet remains almost exclusively a disease of homosexuals and drug abusers.

Nor can the Aids campaign be credited with containing the epidemic. Rectal gonorrhea is a marker for unsafe sexual practices and its incidence has been monitored between 1982 and 1990 separately in Leeds and Leicester. The big decline occurs *before* the Aids campaign was launched in 1986 and, indeed, from 1988 onwards it started climbing again. Nor do young heterosexuals seem to have been influenced: 89 per cent in a survey last year said they did not feel it necessary to wear a condom.

The Aids campaigns of the last few years have generated unnecessary panic and anxiety. They have diverted scarce resources away from the serious problems of treating disease — only a fraction of the sum spent would have been necessary to keep open the bone marrow transplant unit at Westminster's childrens hospital. And they have degraded sexuality. Children as young as nine are being taught about sexual awareness and 13-year-olds the practicalities of anal intercourse.

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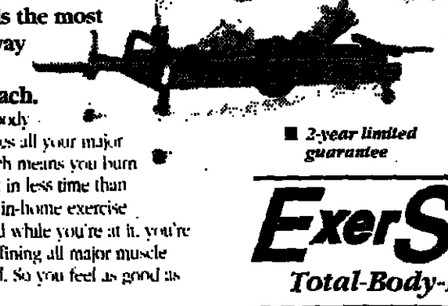
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Regional air links fight for a place alongside jumbos

Harvey Elliott on the problems for smaller airlines in keeping local air routes to Heathrow open

Businessmen and airlines based in many of Britain's regions are fighting to prevent the loss of vital air links to Heathrow. Within the past three years, air services to the airport from Norwich, Liverpool, Humberside, Dundee and Carlisle have been axed, others are threatened and attempts to open new services are being frustrated.

Airlines say that the high cost of landing and other airport charges makes it uneconomic for them to run regular short-haul domestic services, that it is impossible to open new routes because of congestion and that Heathrow has a long-term strategy aimed at squeezing out small business aircraft.

"I don't blame BAA for its policy of wanting big jets because, as a private company with a responsibility to their shareholders, it makes economic sense to attract a jumbo loaded with 300 tourists who then spend huge amounts in the airport shops rather than businessmen who simply want to change planes," says Mike Bathgate, commercial director of Manx Airlines.

The airlines had hoped the Civil Aviation Authority would force the airports to create slots especially for smaller regional services as a social policy. Last month, however, the CAA ruled that it had no such powers and that it was a matter for government, not aviation regulators.

"Economic forces taken together are likely to lead to the exclusion from the most congested airports of some regional routes and services unless there is positive regulatory intervention, other than operating on airport charges, to stop this happening," says the CAA. "While the displacement or loss of services has wider social and economic implications, these are not for the Authority to assess but for the government, and the Authority can detect no reasons of aviation policy why it should try to intervene to stop airlines and airports putting scarce resources to their most productive use."

This has, however, infuriated many commercial organisations in the regions who claim they need air links in order to remain competitive, and to attract new investment.

David Howes, assistant chief executive of Plymouth City Council, said the severing of the air link between Plymouth and Heathrow — now under potential threat — would be devastating. International firms, such as Toshiba, Wrigley, Gleasons, Murata and the Barden Corporation had located in Devon and Cornwall largely because of the air link.

"The international companies have been consistently saying to us, 'you must do what you can to protect these links'. The air route is an important factor in them coming here, staying here and investing in the area," he says.

Margaret Camine, deputy director of Norfolk and Waveney Chamber of Commerce and Industry, whose air links with Heathrow were cut two years ago, says the loss of the link had serious repercussions for companies because they were perceived to be so isolated.



Big plans: a BAe Jetstream 41 in Manx livery

John Westlake, the general drilling superintendent for the Santa Fe Drilling Co., based in Great Yarmouth, said since the Norwich air link was closed two years ago, the vice-president responsible for investment had not visited the town although he had previously been there every three months.

According to Mr Westlake, the loss of the route had meant all the major oil companies had moved out of the area, a number of them relocating in the Thames Valley region to be close to international links.

In addition, there have been fatal road accidents involving tired members of staff driving back to Norwich after transatlantic flights.

Norwich-based Anglia Technologies is a regional business operating in an international environment. As a BT and ICL supplier, 90 per cent of its business is done with the US or Canada. It is concerned it may lose the European distributorship work because it is no longer accessible to Heathrow.

Manx Airlines says it faces similar problems in expanding regional business services throughout Europe. With much German investment in South Wales there is, it says, a big demand for direct flights to and from Dusseldorf but that airport too, has banned new small regional services.

At the same time the lack of air services from Heathrow to Cardiff means that Japanese businessmen wanting to visit one of their factories in South Wales would automatically be routed from Tokyo to Paris and on to Cardiff.

Ticket prices on those services which are now available from the regions are often disproportionately high because of the charges levied on smaller aircraft.

"The Heathrow landing fee alone represents 10 per cent of the ticket price on one of our aircraft while it accounts for just 0.3 per cent of the cost of a ticket on a jumbo," Mr Bathgate says. "When air traffic control charges and other costs are added, the overall impact on the cost of a ticket is more than 20 per cent. We are being squeezed out and for people from the Isle of Man, Cardiff and other regions this represents a very severe problem.

"We don't know precisely what the answer is but we are determined, with other airlines and the business community, to press the government in Britain and the European community as a whole to start looking at this problem."

BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, denies that it is discriminating against smaller aircraft. "Airport charges are significantly lower for regional carriers," it says. "A Shorts 360, for example, would pay £629 in the peak periods at Heathrow, while a Boeing 747 would pay £6,396." The airlines dispute this, however, saying that during the peak the landing fee remains the same for both types but that a charge of £13.87 is then levied on all international passengers, compared with £7.60 per domestic passenger. This in turn makes it more attractive to BAA to encourage jumbos to use the airport rather than smaller aircraft.



When giants meet: the confrontation between the New Zealand All Blacks and the British Lions should bring in the tourists

Lions may bring roaring trade

New Zealand is hoping that rugby will help to raise the country's tourism profile

The first British Lions rugby tour to New Zealand for ten years is expected to provide a massive boost for the country's travel and tourism industry. The tour, which begins this month and ends in July, is being seen by the New Zealand tourism board as a glittering opportunity to market its country.

About 1,000 holidaymakers are expected to watch the first international on June 12 when the All Blacks, trying to regain their position as the most powerful team in the world, will meet the Lions. New Zealand are still smarting from their failure to reach the final of the 1991 World Cup at Twickenham. Several British tour operators are offering package trips for rugby supporters who want to see the international series and provincial matches. Gullivers Sports Travel, a specialist in sporting holidays, is laying on five tours. Other tour operators, including Kuoni, have been quick to see the potential for sales. New Zealand's tourism chiefs expect to pick up lucrative holiday trade on the back of these trips.

A spokesman for the New Zealand tourist board said sports holidays were part of a growing trend: "A number of tour operators are offering packages for teams to go to New Zealand to play rugby on an amateur basis."

Prices for the various tour packages range from £1,599 to £2,712, depending on the standard of accommodation and the length of the holiday.

The tourist board is hoping that people who pay that much money for a rugby tour will take their families with them for a holiday. "When people go 13,000 miles for rugby they will want to see some of New Zealand as well," the spokesman said, "so we expect them to travel around and take in the sights."

John Hall, managing director of Gullivers Sports Travel, said interest in the holidays was growing. The firm has booked 450 people for the New Zealand tour and handled 16,000 visitors to the UK and Europe for the Rugby World Cup. "The rest of the travel industry has gone down but we have seen interest go up, particularly since the Rugby World Cup. It's quite phenomenal, considering we have been in a recession. . These holidays cost £2,000 each."

The company presently has about 40 people in the West Indies for the Pakistan cricket tour. "That tour doesn't even involve the England team," Mr Hall says. "But it has a lot more to offer than just lying on the beach at Benidorm." A third of the people booked to go on the New Zealand tour are women.

Large numbers of people are expected to book for the 1995 Rugby World Cup, to be held in South Africa.

PETER VICTOR

Shots fired over Channel

In the opening battle for more than 14 million cross-Channel passengers, the first shots have been fired as the ferry companies square up to Le Shuttle — the Channel tunnel operators.

The two forms of transport each tried to persuade 2,000 travel agents and tour operators at the Abta convention in Palma last week that their method of getting to the Continent would be the better once the tunnel opens for business next year.

Cross-Channel ferry operators are increasing capacity and cutting prices as they jockey for position. P & O, the biggest ferry company, this week introduced a fifth ship on the Dover to Calais service providing customers with a sailing every 45 minutes throughout the day.

With Stena-Sealink offering 20 trips each day the two companies have a total capacity on the route of almost 100,000 passengers a day. At the same time, fares are being slashed with some special offers being made available for as low as £1 per person.

The competition between the ferries is now so intense that some fear they may be forced out of business by the combination of low fares and too much capacity.

All ferry operators, however, are gearing themselves to meet the competition with Le Shuttle. The train service, which expects to capture half the cross-Channel market, will take cars through the tunnel in 35 minutes. Although no price has been set, it is expected to be £150 for the return trip — about the average fare now being charged for a ferry journey for a car and up to five passengers.



On the move: journeys through the tunnel will start next year

There are now a vast range of prices available for ferry crossings depending on the day and time of travel. At the peak, a full fare can be more than £300 return while at off-peak times it falls to below £70.

Ferries are, however, sailing well under half full for much of the time, and only P & O is making healthy profits. Additional profits are being made from the restaurants and duty free shops on board.

"Passengers will be encouraged to sit in their cars when in the tunnel and will be unable to get out to have a relaxing meal," Graeme Dunlop, managing director of P & O European Ferries, says.

"From motorway to motorway it will take them 80 minutes, while with ferries they can do the same journey in 100 minutes. This will allow them to make the essential stop to rest and eat on the way from, say, London to Paris."

Now that the recession is ending, ferry operators hope that any loss of passengers to the Channel tunnel will be more than compensated for by an increase in lorry and freight traffic.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

TRAVELOGS

Sunny bargain

CARIBBEAN "bargains" are relatively rare, but Caribtours (071-581 3517) is offering two-week holidays to the Pemberton hotels in St Thomas and Barbados which include free flights between the two islands and free half-board accommodation for the second week.

One week at the new Grand Palazzo at Great Bay, St Thomas, which opened last autumn, and one week at either Glitter Bay or the Royal Pavilion in Barbados, costs from £1,929 a person, a saving of up to £400.

Quick check-in

HIGH-FLYERS taking Concorde out of Heathrow can now check in by telephone and go straight from their car to the new Concorde departure lounge in Terminal 4.

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Charter class

PACKAGE holidaymakers are to be offered a two-class service on selected Excalibur Airways charter flights this summer. Most other charter airlines have refused to introduce similar schemes because, they claim, the cost is prohibitive and the demand very small.

The service features a separate check-in desk, prior seat booking, 30kg baggage allowance and the use of the Sir Ivor Brook VIP lounge in the south terminal satellite at Gatwick.

Making its mark

THE logo of Abta, the Association of British Travel Agents, is recognised by 91 per cent of people as an organisation giving customer protection in the event of a holiday company failing. The figure matches the recognition of the BBC and is bettered only by the RSPCA.

Cruise into the past

The last of the old-style banana boats will sail to the Caribbean later this year



Islands idyll: Geest offer a last chance of old-style travel

Banana boat journeys to the Caribbean could soon become no more than a memory of an elegant past if one of the fruit's biggest importers gets rid of its last two passenger-carrying cargo ships, *Harvey Elliott writes*.

The Geest Line — the last company still to be operating banana boat passenger services — has already sold two of its four freighters, and the company's terminal at Barry, South Wales, has been closed, with the loss of 74 jobs. Operations are now centred on the container port at Southampton, from where bananas are transhipped speedily to Europe.

Since Geest admits that it is studying the replacement of the last two cargo ships by larger container vessels that do not cater for passengers. No time limit has been placed on the survival of the remaining two ships but it is unlikely that the leisurely journeys to the Windward Islands will be available beyond the end of this year.

Capable of carrying 12 passengers, the banana boats take the "old fashioned" route to the West Indies, taking three weeks to make the round trip to Antigua, St Lucia, Barbados, Grenada, St Vincent, St Kitts and Dominica, taking on board freshly-picked bananas and other local produce in each port.

Unlike the banana boats which brought in tens of thousands of immigrants in the 1950s, the Geest ships are modern, air-conditioned and fast, carrying general cargo as well as exotic fruits. On-board entertainment centres on bridge tables and deck quoits rather than the cinemas and noisy discos which dominate today's cruise ships.

Dinner is black tie, and the cuisine is of a high standard. Each cabin has its own en suite bathroom , all public rooms have adjustable air conditioning, and there is a small pool on the deck for the passengers' use.

Sailings from Southampton are fortnightly and the voyage to the Caribbean takes eight days, with a full day at each of the islands. Normally, the 12 cabins on the *Geestbay* and the *Geestport* are booked months, if not years, in advance, but the uncertainty over the future of the service has left some cabin space available for much of the rest of this year.

Prices for the last passenger journeys to the Windward Islands range from £1,798 for a single journey to Antigua to £3,060 for the full round-trip. Bookings can be made through the Geest office in Southampton (0703 333388).

Airlines slow the fast track

GATWICK'S "fast track" route for business and first-class passengers is under threat, after less than six months.

Gatwick Airport, which introduced the special channels to steer premium passengers past the crowds of holidaymakers at immigration and security, has given the airlines until the end of next month to agree to pay towards its £250,000 a year cost. So far, most are refusing. Gatwick introduced the scheme in November in an attempt to boost its image as a businessmen's airport, and extended the trial until the end of June to allow more time for negotiation. The airport had originally hoped that airlines would pay the bulk of the cost, which is calculated at approximately 75p a passenger.

Even though they have dropped the price to around 50p per passenger, they still have few takers. Gatwick officials are hopeful that the airlines will agree to help foot the bill but many remain unconvinced that it will be successful during the peak period and that many leisure passengers will simply swamp the "fast track" route. They are urging the airport to continue the trial for another six months before agreeing to meet the cost.

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Hungarian rhapsody now a dirge

David Churchill asks whether the Queen's visit will help to revive Hungary's ailing tourist trade

Hungary's tourism officials are hoping that the Queen's visit this week will focus much-needed British — and Western — attention on their country.

After the collapse of communism in 1990, Hungary became one of the focal points for Western tourists eager to experience life in the nations of eastern Europe which had effectively been denied them for so long. Three years on, the mystery and exoticism of the former Iron Curtain country have faded. Budapest, the capital, has also acquired a reputation for poor accommodation and tourist information, cowboy taxi drivers and the overtness of prostitutes around the city's deluxe hotels.

Hungary also suffers from what travel agents call the Bosnia Effect: its proximity, as shown on maps on television and in the papers, to the civil war going on just to the south of its borders.

Yet Hungary — and Budapest in particular — remains one of the most interesting countries for tourists to visit. "Of course there are problems, as there would be with any country where change has happened so rapidly," says Peter Dyer, managing director of the short-break specialists Crystal Holidays. "But we get a lot of comments about what a beautiful surprise Budapest is, with its historic buildings and old world charm."

Travelscene, another short-break specialist, also carried out a survey of clients recently. Budapest was given high ratings for its atmosphere and friendliness, but was judged to have poor shops and nightlife.

The main short-break operators with programmes to Hungary suggest demand is patchy. BA Holidays says that travel this year is "slightly down", while Crystal reports a 9 per cent increase — although this is below its 11 per cent increase in short-break holidays overall this year.

BA Holidays, moreover, suggests that Budapest has suffered from "some very competitive pricing for other short-break city destinations this spring". With inflation rampant, Hungary is no longer the cheap — "good value" in travel agents' terms — destination it was for westerners in 1990. Frequent visitors report that prices have risen sharply in hotels, shops and restaurants, although not by as much as in some other former eastern bloc countries.

Some good short-break deals to Budapest, however, are still being offered by UK operators. Sovereign, for example, has just cut the price of a four-night trip to Budapest by £157 per person, to £310.

But Budapest also suffers in comparison with such neighbouring capitals as Vienna and Prague which are often teamed with Budapest by operators in a three-centre programme. Alison Booth, the managing editor of a travel magazine, recently completed one of these holidays (for pleasure, not work). "Vienna and Prague were fun", she says, "good value and very welcoming cities for the tourist. Budapest was not."

The Hungarians are not unaware of the problems they face. "The unfavourable outer conditions of the region are well-known, and there are great difficulties which follow the political, social and economic changes," says the Hungarian Tourist Board in Budapest.

Although the tourist board remains state-owned, privatisation of the rest of the tourist industry has grown rapidly. More than 600 private travel agencies have replaced the few large state-run agencies and 82 per cent of the 750,000 tourist rooms (of all types, although there are just 60,000 hotel beds available) are privately owned. The number of private guest houses and camping sites has doubled over the past two years.

Western hotel chains have also moved into Budapest, with all new hotels partly foreign-owned. The four-star, 300-room Hotel Aquineum on the Buda side of the Danube is partly Swiss-owned, while the 400-room luxury Hotel Kempinski — said to be the city's most expensive — on the Pest side is German-financed.

Marriott, the American chain, has just acquired the former Duna Inter-Continental Hotel, while Accor, the French group, is negotiating to buy a controlling stake in the largest Hungarian hotel chain, the Pannonia.

The tourist board's strategy to foster new Western interest is to develop several themes around which they and operators can promote visitor interest. Such themes include health and fitness holidays (Budapest is famous for its thermal waters), Hungarian folklore and culture and, of course, Hungarian food.

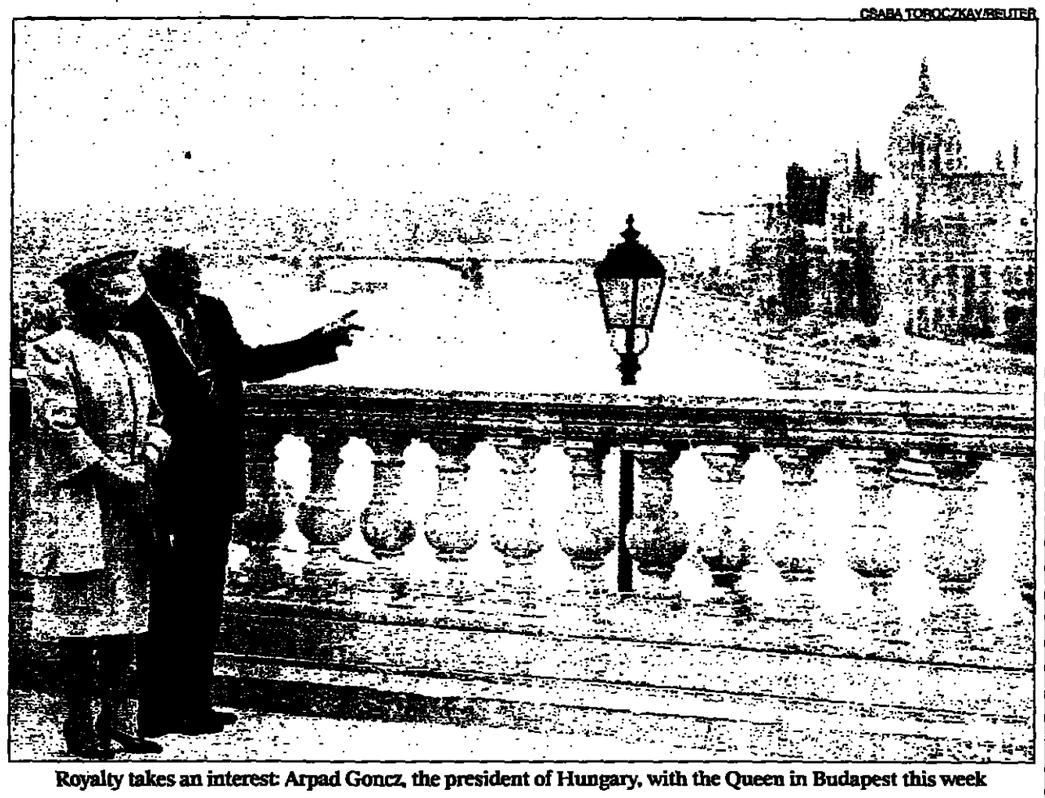
Moreover, Thomas Cook, the travel agent, points out that there is considerable potential for westerners to enjoy Mediterranean-type conditions at Lake Balaton, the largest lake in central and western Europe, and a popular destination for Hungarians. The mild summer climate creates ideal conditions for water sports. The area also attracts hikers.

Business travellers are also a key target for Hungary and, to a certain extent, it has been more successful in maintaining its conference and incentive travel business. The Hyatt hotel in Budapest, for example, claims that conference and incentive groups get better-value deals than in other eastern European cities. But some of Budapest's conference facilities, such as the Hungexpo Centre and the Sports Hall — which can hold up to 12,500 delegates — need to be upgraded if they are to remain competitive.

Hungary's trump card in rejuvenating its national image will be played in three years, when it stages the 1996 World Expo. After the success of the Seville Expo last year, it can expect to attract more than 12 million visitors.

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Royalty takes an interest: Arpad Goncz, the president of Hungary, with the Queen in Budapest this week

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Picture-postcard prettiness: Budapest's railway station

Taking on high flyers

Britain's airlines are making the most of the 'open skies' policy

Britain's charter airlines are snapping up lucrative contracts to ferry European car and pharmaceutical executives to marketing conferences.

A fresh avenue has opened up after the signing of the European "open skies" agreement which allows airlines to compete on equal terms for business anywhere within Europe. Since January 1, British airlines have been undercutting competitors based on the Continent.

Dozens of companies regularly fly sales executives, senior staff and journalists to attend conferences and company parties. Traditionally, an airline from the country where the company is based has provided the flights, but the new regulations now allow any properly licensed European airline to fly where it wants within the community.

Charter airlines always have spare capacity throughout the winter and spring when fewer than 40 per cent of their fleet is engaged on carrying package tourists.

Although many aircraft are left standing at base, pilots are still paid a full salary even though the number of flying hours is drastically reduced. Airlines have tried over the years to overcome the problem by leasing aircraft to holiday companies in the southern hemisphere or by scheduling as many planes as they can to go into full maintenance checks.

British charter airlines are far more efficient and financially tightly controlled than their continental competitors but have, until now, been prevented from seeking business in other European countries because of the outdated aviation laws. Now Britannia — the biggest charter airline in Britain — has moved a full sales team into France and Germany to bid for individual charter contracts advertised by airline brokers.

Already major car and chemical companies have contracted regular flights and, so far, Britannia has carried more than 13,000 European charter passengers and executives.

Although individual charter operations may be much cheaper under the British flag, it is still doubtful whether the airlines will move into the European charter package holiday market in large numbers in the near future because of the high cost of setting up a permanent base.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

FLYAWAYS

Race to Monaco

PAGE & MOY (0533 524344) is offering a day trip to the Monaco Grand Prix on Sunday, May 23, flying from Gatwick, for £199 (excluding race tickets which cost £21.50-£175 and can be booked through Page & Moy). A coach trip departing from London on May 21, and travelling through the night, costs £125 including B & B accommodation for one night.

☐ Premier Holidays (0223 355977) offers a number of spring fly-drive deals, until May 31, to 18 cities across America. Prices start from £319 to Miami, Orlando, Tampa and Washington including a week's car hire with unlimited mileage. West Coast destinations such as Los Angeles and San Francisco cost from £355.

☐ Meon Villas (0730 268411) offers seven nights in the Algarve in a villa with private pool and maid service for £299 per person, based on four or five sharing, including flights, car hire and a welcome pack. Departures to Faro from Manchester or Gatwick on May 13.

The rocky pleasure show

Gibraltar, for years cut off from the mainland, is now trying to woo Spaniards to extend their day trips

Gibraltar will this week try to bury centuries of antagonism with its Spanish neighbours by launching the Rock's first marketing drive in Spain to woo tourists to Britain's Mediterranean outpost. Television and radio stations will be inundated with commercials promoting Gibraltar, which was all but closed to Spaniards until the border reopened in 1985.

Albert Poggio, the director of Gibraltar's National Tourist Board, says it is time to cast aside political difficulties with Spain. "We have four million visitors a year and many of them come from Spain already," he says, "but we want to convince them to look beyond the duty-free shops and stay for a weekend."

At the moment, Spaniards are attracted by Gibraltar's cheap petrol and alcohol but few are tempted to stay overnight. Mr Poggio rejects the image of Gibraltar as "Aldershot by Med" where squaddies while away sunny days in English pubs and chippies.

"Gibraltar is much more than a military base and has an interesting heritage for visitors to see," he says. "We have just completed the second phase of a refurbishment programme on the Rock and have reopened the Moorish Castle [which dates back to the 8th century] and the Upper Galleries, an extensive section of the British tunnels. Gibraltar is also an excellent base to explore Morocco and, indeed, southern Spain."

Mr Poggio has just returned from promoting Gibraltar in Seville and Granada where he was encouraged by the Spanish response. But he was made all too aware of the threat posed by Gibraltar's fragile relations with Spain. The right-wing Popular Party, which is doing well in polls ahead of next month's general election in Spain, has made belligerent noises about enforcing stricter controls on the frontier and its leaders have warned Gibraltar to crack down on its lucrative smuggling trade. Spanish police, armed with walkie-talkies and binoculars, line the coast down to the border to try to catch Gibraltar's "Winston Boys" who smuggle Winston cigarettes and drugs into Spain.

Mr Poggio dismisses the new aggressive tone as "pre-election bluffing", but he adds: "I am disgusted and worried that this problem should still exist in 1993. It is surprising that political leaders in Spain should be saying these things, particularly when you consider the phenomenal economic progress it has made in the last 15 years. But I don't think Spain will let Gibraltar tarnish its reputation."

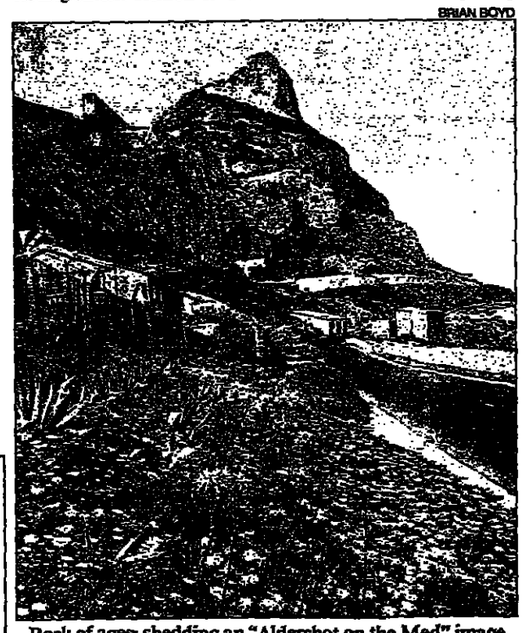
Cadogan Travel (0703 332661) is one of the first companies to pick up Mr Poggio's theme to promote Gibraltar as a springboard to Spain and North Africa. This week Cadogan launches its summer brochure, *Gibraltar & Beyond*, which advertises up-market, tailor-made holidays to old hotels, restored monasteries and manor houses. Destinations include Ronda, the 18th century city in Serrania which has Spain's oldest bull ring; Jerez de la Frontera, home of sherry; and Tangiers, the old international enclave in Morocco, and the celebrated haunt of presidents and potentates at play.

Tourism in Gibraltar is also being boosted by the end of the Cold War. Mr Poggio says that although the Ministry of Defence (MoD) still sees Gibraltar as an essential military base, it is releasing land and old buildings that he is keen to develop.

"Housing has always been a problem in Gibraltar and as the MoD relaxes its hold on land we are aiming to buy up some excellent accommodation," he says. "This also shows how important tourism is to Gibraltar because we can no longer rely on the MoD as a steady source of income. Ten years ago 75 per cent of our gross domestic product was related to MoD spending. That has now gone down to 14 per cent and is declining."

NICHOLAS WATT

BRIAN BOYD



Rock of ages: shedding an "Aldershot on the Med" image

Tivoli fairytale that came true

Copenhagen's elegant Tivoli Gardens, Denmark's prime tourist attraction, which was visited by more than four million guests last summer, has opened its 150th anniversary season in a welter of festivities, *Christopher Follett writes.*

Tivoli is the last surviving example of 19th century pleasure gardens, which flourished in Europe long before anyone dreamt of Disneyland. Georg Carstensen, the Algiers-born Dane who founded Tivoli in 1843 along the old city ramparts, got the idea from the Tivoli Gardens in Paris and the Vauxhall Gardens in London. Tivoli was originally a summer resort near Rome at which Hadrian's villa stood.

"Tivoli is the grandmother of all amusement parks," Orson Nielsen, the Tivoli press spokesman, says. "Walt Disney got the idea for his Disneyland parks during a visit to Tivoli in the 1950s."

Tivoli is the world's eighth most visited pleasure garden. Forty per cent of its visitors come from overseas. An entrance fee of £3.50 entitles visitors to drink in the atmosphere of bandstands, funfair entertainments, 28 restaurants and a concert hall hosting one of Europe's biggest summer music festivals.

For the jubilee season, 144 concerts by musicians from all over the world are scheduled, the summer's highlights being visits by the New York City Ballet and Danish-American comedian Victor Borge.

Lyon rids itself of jams

Drivers can now by-pass the notorious Fourvière tunnel

The worst bottleneck on France's motorway network has been eliminated with the opening of a by-pass skirting Lyon, the country's second city.

Until now, drivers heading for the south have been forced to negotiate the notorious Fourvière tunnel in the heart of Lyon through which the A6 autoroute passes and becomes the A7.

The tunnel has wrecked many a holiday schedule, funnelling traffic into two lanes in each direction from the three or four lanes on which it had previously been driving. The result is often catastrophic in summer when 90,000 vehicles a day try to squeeze through the tunnel.

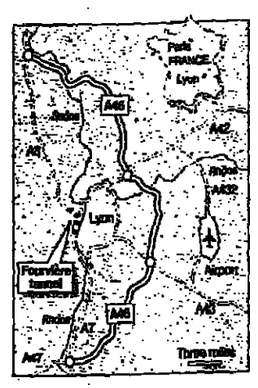
Now motorists can avoid Lyon entirely by leaving the A6 north of the city and skirting around its eastern edge using the A46 which rejoins the A7 well to the south.

The road must, however, qualify as one of the most expensive motorways in the world in terms of what it cost to build — some £8 million a mile or £126.25 an inch, for 40 miles. Five viaducts spanning the rivers Saône and Rhône were largely responsible for making the costs two-thirds higher than the average for this type of road.

Surprisingly, it is toll-free, although tariffs at the existing *péages* on the A6 and A7 have been increased in order to cover its construction costs.

Many a driver will no doubt consider this a small price to pay to avoid the Fourvière trap in the coming holiday months.

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Philip Howard



■ It's a wild life for wildlife at home in the big city streets

Opposed to the modern lemming impulse to the country, some townees prefer to stay in town to escape the crudity of country living: those prairies of bilious rape and chemically-green wheat, the grunting and clucking from the factory prisons, the petty monotony of dawn chorus and ex-suburbanite gossip about lawnmowers and the children's schools, the screams of small animals being killed and of larger animals swanking interminably about their gardens. Until recently, the city was recognised as the centre of civility. But though you try to turf the country out of town with a council skip and fork-lift truck, it will always come back at you.

Foxes are now making their earths not just in the suburbs, but at the centre. The residents feed their vulpine visitors in a communal garden at Notting Hill Gate, making them so tame that they are then knocked down by traffic. It makes a change from being hunted or trapped by countrymen. The rat-like squirrels penetrate everywhere, sharp city slickers in grey suits, even feeding on dried flowers in the sitting-room. The junior Jack Russell recently alarmed Japanese tourists by hunting a rabbit in Kensington Gardens. The dawn chorus begins at midnight because streetlamps fool the birds; and starlings are imitating police sirens, whistling to persuade predators that they are bigger and more official than they look.

Now a blackbird has nested in the most unpromising urban site in town, just beside the door, a few yards from the roaring traffic. It has been pretty well camouflaged by clematis and Russian vine from the passing trade of cats, small boys, terriers and other threats. But the mother's beady eye peers nervously through the foliage. The father does as much of his share of household chores as can be expected of modern males, but spends most of his time singing from an adjacent tree in a West London accent, much like a QPR supporter.

Research has shown that birds, like humans, have regional accents, look you, boy. Robins from Sussex attack tape-recordings of the alien song of Welsh robins, in order to defend their territory from strangers. But they tolerate the song of their Sussex neighbours. This research is not as recent as the scientists suppose. Hardy wrote a poem 90 years ago based on the conceit that Wessex blackbirds sang a different song from the blackbirds of Scotland or Ireland. This now seems to be scientifically correct, and it is not surprising. Human dialects and varieties of flower change regionally, along the lines of natural boundaries such as rivers and mountain ranges, or cities and suburbs. Among the chirruping classes, regional dialect relates to habitat. Blackbirds from the wild woods have deeper voices than urban birds, which live in whatever absurd space they can find. City birds have more complicated, squeaky voices, presumably from the difficulty of making themselves heard above the traffic. This Notting Hill blackbird sounds alarmingly like a wide boy from down the road chanting Kew-Pee R-urr.

His ancestor was the bird whom Bottom sang about: "The ouzel cock so black of hue/ With orange tawny bill . . ." Bottom's bird, though, coming supposedly from a wood near Athens, would have trilled with a Greek "r" and Mediterranean nasals that would have frightened the local birds, apart from the Cypriots.

Townees are, of course, delighted to find a bit of nature at their door, provided the door is where it stays. We may not be quite as bird-loving as Saint Kevin, the 7th-century Irishman who, like so many of his compatriots, had strong feelings about wildlife. He was praying in the temple of the rock at Glendalough, with one hand stretched upwards, when a blackbird flew down and laid her eggs in his palm. The compassionate saint stayed posed with his arm outstretched until the eggs were hatched, and the brood flown.

That is going too far in this hustling age, but I will do my best to see the four newly hatched fledglings fly, with their unmistakable West London nasal accents, without being scoffed by passing cats or that handsome but ornithophagous cannibal, Mr Magpie. And I shall then have to take a holiday to recover from the drama red in tooth and bill of city living.



Mandarins are not the only fruit

Ministers should shuffle advisers too, says **Peter Kemp**

In a few weeks the prime minister is expected to announce a reshuffle, no doubt precipitated by a bad result at Newbury. But will he be reshuffling the right people? Instead of moving ministers, who typically serve in office for shorter terms than their European or international counterparts, should he not reshuffle those with a more permanent grip on public policy: Whitehall's permanent secretaries?

At a time when the *executive* functions of government are being effectively reformed, through the citizen's charter and William Waldegrave's commitment to "reinventing government", the *policy* functions are little affected. Benefits are better delivered, but Whitehall is struggling to bring the social security budget under control. Tax is collected more efficiently, but business leaders seem to have lost confidence in top Treasury and Bank officials in their conduct of economic policy. And this week the Matrix-Churchill hearings are turning a spotlight on departmental officials.

I believe it is possible to extend the reforms of the executive machinery into the policy machine. The new approaches and disciplines are transferable, by giving policymakers specific tasks and targets, putting named individuals in charge and making them accountable, and by more openness. But one vital part of this approach is not yet on the agenda when it comes to policymaking.

This is a minister's power of choice over his or her principal adviser, the permanent secretary. Classically, the permanent secretary is both the adviser on policy and the manager of the department. The second role, however, is disappearing as agencies take over executive functions, and increasingly they will take over much of policy, too, on a contract basis. What is left is advice.

Here ministers have little effective choice. Elected ministers are appointed to implement government policy, but often find themselves advised by sitting tenants who are not effective in delivering. This is why, 25 years ago, the Fulton committee recommended breaking the permanent secretary monopoly on policy advice.

One need not be an addict of *Yes, Minister* to appreciate that "We tried it a few years back" and "Your predecessor couldn't get it past his colleagues" are potent arguments coming from an intelligent, entrenched and charming adviser, who may have been years in the job. Permanent secretaries may be appointed at younger than 50, so they may have a dozen years in the job, which is much longer than ministers.

There is some merit in the argument that to make democracy work, there must be some ballast of cautious people whose experience and wisdom can be relied upon, even at the risk of halting policy innovation and improvement. But the consequence may be a policy machine that doesn't give ministers adequate support, or underachieves, or makes simple mistakes.

So the question is how to provide ministers with a choice of advisers while recognising the need for ballast? One option is to let ministers choose their principal advisers themselves, without more ado, from inside or outside the system. But such radical change would be a serious shock, and is probably not yet acceptable.

A second option is open competition. This is beginning to occur, but not among principal permanent secretaries. It applies at the moment largely to specialist jobs, such as the chief economic adviser to the Treasury and the head of the Central Statistical Office, but should continue to gain ground. It is especially important that there be some thorough assessment of candidates' skills for the job to be done, through the civil service commissioners. The New Zealand equivalent of the commissioners themselves appoint their permanent secretaries — now renamed chief executives — with a cabinet veto, on fixed term, performance-tested contracts. This modern system will, in my view, gradually replace the old internal procedures.

Perhaps the short-term answer is a regular reshuffle of permanent secretaries. Of course they are already moved from time to time, but these moves seem to be driven by succession-planning to meet retirements or removals, or by the career interests of the person being moved or someone else down the chain. Finding the right person for the job and meeting the needs of government policy seem to be low priorities.

Ministers should be able to reshuffle permanent secretaries to meet their needs, as in other countries. The Australian federal government has just undertaken such a reshuffle, and such an approach would be beneficial in Britain too, if ministers are to be sure that their objectives will be pursued, and that the roles of adviser and advisee stay the right way up.

Permanent secretaries should be visible. People should know to whom they are accountable, and for what, and what their competencies and qualifications for the job are. Parliament and its select committees should take an informed interest and supervise the process.

At the moment, no doubt, all over Whitehall, permanent secretaries are preparing to brief new ministers once the expected changes have happened. Why are ministers not preparing to brief their new permanent secretaries? Why not indeed!

Sir Peter Kemp was a senior civil servant in the cabinet office until 1992.

Tibet's envoy of peace

The Dalai Lama's message of toleration allied to material progress is just what the West — and the Chinese — need to hear

William Rees-Mogg

There are four great international religions, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. Two of them have single leaders who enjoy authority outside their own particular religious group; Christianity has His Holiness the Pope and Buddhism has His Holiness the Dalai Lama. This week the Dalai Lama has been in London; I have attended two of his addresses, and on Monday I had a conversation with him.

To a Christian, the most striking thing about the Dalai Lama is that he is a Christ-like figure. He shows the characteristics of compassion, detachment from worldly anxieties, love for other people and peace of mind which Christian mystics have sought through meditation on the life and personality of Christ. Talking to him deepens one's Christian faith, and makes one more and not less Christian. It gives great peace of mind.

His own attitude to Christianity is ecumenical, in the way that Pope John XXIII was ecumenical. "I consider the essence of all religions is a good heart, compassion, forgiveness, respect for other lives, a sense of brotherhood, sisterhood. These are the essential message of various religions. We use the same material, like gold, but we can change the shape according to our practical needs. So similarly religion has the same essence, but the requirement in our daily life is of new approaches."

The Dalai Lama's life has also been Christ-like in his ability to transcend suffering, while remaining compassionate, calm, and advocating a non-violent response. We talked about the Chinese treatment of Tibet, the population transfer which has made the Tibetans a minority in their own country, the privileges of the Chinese population in Tibet, the police state, the arrests and torture, the destruction of the forests, the stationing of nuclear weapons threatening India. Indeed the Indo-Chinese division is now somewhat reminiscent of the division between Eastern and Western Europe in the Cold War years. Tibet lies in between, under Chinese occupation, as Poland lay between the Russians and the West. Since the Chinese invasion of Tibet in 1950, and his own flight to India in 1959, the Dalai Lama has carried the responsibility for leading the Tibetan people in their sufferings.

The Dalai Lama has not come to London to ask us for anything politically difficult. "How much you can do, I don't know," he said. However, he has asked the United States for something very important. In Washington he saw President Clinton and Vice-President Gore, and asked them to put economic pressure on China by refusing to continue to accord it "most favoured nation" trading status — worth billions of dollars to China — without imposing conditions.

President Bush vetoed three Congressional bills which sought to impose conditions. During his campaign, President Clinton supported conditions, and there are now bills in both Houses of Congress which would impose conditions designed to protect civil rights in China, to end population transfer and protect civil rights in Tibet, and to protect the Basic Law in Hong Kong after 1997. Chris Patten flew to Washington to lobby against these conditions, but President Clinton refused him any reassurances. The bills are supported across the political spectrum, from Senators Kennedy and Moynihan to Jesse Helms.

The Dalai Lama does not argue his case from a Tibetan point of view alone, any more than Pope John Paul II argued only from a Polish point of view. In his address to members of Parliament, he pointed out that its rapidly growing economy would make China "the next superpower, armed with nuclear weapons". He sees this as a danger which makes it essential that China become a democracy.

In our conversation he repeated what he had said to the former Republican Secretary of State George Shultz last Sunday. "He told me that he did not agree and that China must receive more economic help. Then I told him I had noticed there are two groups of opinion. Both groups think China must receive more economic help. One philosophy is that with more economic help more political liberalisation will come automatically. Another view, which I take, is that the present Chinese leaders are hardliners who would intensify their control. If the leaders feel that Western governments give what they want, they will gain more confidence that they can deal with the West without changing their political position."

The question could scarcely be more important for Tibet, for Hong Kong, for China, for America or for the world. Is it right for the Americans to use China's $18 billion trade surplus with them as leverage to protect Tibet, Hong Kong and the civil rights of the Chinese people themselves, or would it be better to give unconditional assistance in the hope that material prosperity will itself liberalise China? Chris Patten flew to Washington to advocate non-conditional access for China to the American market. The Dalai Lama advocates conditional access. Both want China to have the economic benefit: both believe in dialogue: both take a non-violent approach. But one wants the United States to set conditions, and the other does not.

I suspect that the Congressional position of the Democrats — reinforced by the Serbian lesson that great powers which want to see political results have to use their leverage — will tip the scales in Washington in favour of conditions. The Chinese will talk about concessions and dialogue, but the Americans will want proof. It should be a test of China's good faith that population transfer in Tibet is brought to an end and genuine negotiation between China and the Dalai Lama on Tibet's constitutional future is begun.

As the Dalai Lama observes, there are in China "intellectuals, educated people and students who are really eager for democracy and freedom". No doubt they are just as keen as he is that the Americans should impose conditions. But they are the very people of whom the hardline leadership is afraid. Not only is the issue historically important, it will also be extraordinarily difficult to resolve. There will presumably have to be a major negotiation between the United States and China.

This is one of the great international issues, but I found my conversation with the Dalai Lama on religious questions equally fascinating, and perhaps even more moving. He has an extraordinarily wide range. One expects a religious leader to have high spiritual experience; he is also very practical in his approach. Because he understands the spirit, he understands the reality of the world as well. I asked him, in a rather superficial Western way, whether he thought that Asia was becoming too materialist, following the Western pattern.

"I personally want to see Asia much more materialist," he said. "It is necessary, including Tibet. If one day the Tibetan herdsmen, living in their tents, had inside some television or an electricity generator, that would be very good, provided in a more balanced way they keep the deep insight of human value. That means a special calmness of mind, a harmonious attitude to fellow human beings and the environment. I think now the time has come to think more of humanity than of my nation or that nation. Then automatically, through such a manner of thinking, each individual mind is open."

He emphasised his attitude to human rights: "We are the same human beings, we have the same experience. As far as human rights are concerned, there are no differences between rich and poor, or educated and uneducated, even the Queen of England and the beggar in the street. The same." He praised the West's contribution to liberalism and democracy, which he believes is the way for Asia also. He criticised us for readiness to use force. "In international relations you still consider the old means of using strength or force. That I always think is wrong."

After the Chinese invasion, the Dalai Lama went to Peking and had talks with Chairman Mao, who told him that the Tibetans were weak, but that a time would come when the Tibetans would be needed to help China. That strange and perhaps cynical prophecy may now come true. The Tibetan exile, though only of some 120,000 people, has spread in the West the spirit of Buddhist compassion, for people and the environment. This is one of the strongest contemporary spiritual influences, a vital influence on Christianity. Like the West, China is solving material problems while in a state of profound spiritual confusion. If only the Chinese understood what a jewel they have thrown away in Tibet, what a good neighbour and loving friend Tibet can still be to them. What the Dalai Lama offers is the very gift China most needs.

Nadir's rural zenith

FEW tears were shed in Leicestershire yesterday over Asil Nadir's sudden flight to Cyprus. It was in the Quorn country, after all, that the bankrupt businessman tried so hard to inveigle his way into the squirearchy.

His rural legacy is plain for all to see in Baggrave Hall, a property on which he lavished millions of pounds. He spent hundreds of thousands on pedigree Charolais and Aberdeen Angus cattle, which he housed in palatial sheds of unrivalled splendour.

Street-lighting was put up in the cow yards, hedges were ripped up and ancient outbuildings were demolished in the name of agricultural progress. "He has ruined the place. What he did was criminal. He ripped out all the old features of the house, like the flagstone floor of the hall where he wanted to put marble down," says Stuart Blyth, who sold the farm to Nadir. "It was as if *Dallas* had come to Leicestershire."

Harborough council is still trying to right the wrongs he committed without planning permission. "We are still negotiating, trying to put things back as they were," says Rosalind Willatts, the conservation officer. "I was aghast when I first saw what he had done."

Only the cattle breeding world benefited from Nadir's investment, it appears. "He bought a lot of exceptional cattle and had some tremendous show successes," said David Benson, secretary of the British Charolais Society. "But people like him who throw money at the breed, they come and they go." As Nadir now has.

● *No wonder the Tories seem to be losing ground in Newbury. Do they even know where it is? The last minute appeals that went out to other associations to send their best troops to the town to bolster support were co-ordinated by David Smith . . . from Conservatives Abroad.*

Nautical voting

FOR millions of voters in England and Wales, today's local authority elections draw to a close yet another campaign. But the 14 residents of Lundy may be forgiven for not noticing. Since campaigning began, not a single poster or canvasser has disturbed the peace of their island in the Bristol Channel, which, for political purposes, counts as part of Devon.

It sounds heavenly — but not, it seems, to the Lundy residents, who cast their votes yesterday in a postal ballot. "Our votes will only count if the boat can make it across today," says John Puddy, speaking from the island's only telephone.

"We are a bit out of touch. No one bothers to canvas us. We are a little put out that we don't have our own polling station." Still, the Lundy vote was duly dispatched by boat yesterday, into what was described as a "strong easterly wind". Now there's a challenge for the Swingometer.

Table talk

VISCOUNT LINLEY, no slouch when it comes to the not so noble art of public relations, has ensured that his autumn nuptials neatly coincide with the publication of his first book. Appropriately for an alumnus of John Makepeace's furniture school, Linley's literary début is to be a coffee-table book, *Classical Furniture*, illustrated by more than 100 colour plates.

Linley's publisher, Pavilion Books, is delighted by the prospect of their author being joined by his intended, Lady Serena Stanhope, at book-signings. An initial print run of 20,000, almost unheard of for an art book, is likely. Pavilion's managing director, Colin Webb, says: "The possibility of them appearing together to promote the book is every publisher's dream."

The dream has been boosted by the Queen Mother, who has written what is believed to be her first ever foreword. She is particularly proud of Linley, says Webb. "She has directed and encouraged him in various ways. She is a great collector of art and furniture."



● *It's a jungle out there. William Waldegrave, speaking at Lord Zuckerman's memorial service in London, remembered the farewell lunch Baroness Thatcher gave Zuckerman when he stood down as president of the parliamentary scientific committee in 1976. "She said the only reason he had survived so long in the corridors of power was that he had been trained in the world of apes."*

Officially secret

THE first book that claims to tell the story of the British intelligence services since the Cold War, *The Silent Conspiracy*, seems to have fallen foul of its own intrigue. It was due to be published next week, but all 5,000 copies of Stephen Dorril's book, which delves into the murky waters of MI5 and Special Branch dirty tricks, have been withdrawn.

The affair is embarrassing for Heinemann, which had already sent copies to reviewers, but which now has to take out one page and amend another passage. The first, which is believed to involve a Special Branch officer, was judged to be libellous.

The second passage concerns the forthcoming trial of a former systems sales manager at GEC-Marconi who is charged with breaching the Official Secrets Act. It is believed the Attorney General's office, which obtained early copies of the book, judged the passage potentially prejudicial.

Dorril, who edits *Lobster*, a spy magazine, is apologetic. "The passage that is coming out is a completely genuine mistake. The second I didn't realise would be prejudicial. I was very surprised that the first could be described as libellous, but then I'm always very surprised by libel."

● *Jacques Attali upstaged? Never! No sooner had Robin Orr, emeritus professor of music at Cambridge, indicated that he would not attend the lecture to be delivered to the university music faculty today by the flamboyant banker than Attali himself cancelled — for the second time in a year. Orr's absence was reportedly in protest at the contrast in funds between European banking and higher education. Attali's absence is put down to pressure of work, the same excuse he used last October. A third invite is not likely.*

COUNCILS OR QUANGOS

The future of local government matters more than Newbury

Today's Newbury by-election will inevitably be perceived as a verdict on John Major's first year since the general election and will therefore cast a long shadow over the contests for county council seats being held simultaneously. This is as regrettable as it is predictable; for as the biggest overhaul of local administration since 1972 gets under way the future of local councils should be a matter at the heart of contemporary politics.

Over the next four years, Sir John Banham's inquiry into the structure of local government will decide whether district and county councils, which often find themselves in conflict, should be replaced by unitary authorities. The inquiry's brief is not to make a blanket judgment on the merits of a single-tier system; instead, Sir John and his colleagues will assess each case on its merits. The commission's first recommendation — that the Isle of Wight should have a unitary authority — was uncontentious. Its imminent suggestions for the future of Cleveland and Durham will be a much better test of the inquiry's criteria and impartiality.

Sir John must strive to reassure councils and the public that there is no hidden Whitehall agenda to pick off local authorities that are unpopular with ministers: no easy task after fourteen years of overt hostility from central government. For Margaret Thatcher, the destruction of municipal socialism and abolition of the six metropolitan borough councils was a necessary assault on the "last vestiges of feudal power". Never again would a pretender like Ken Livingstone be able to declare his intention "to use the council machinery as part of a political campaign both against the government and in defence of socialist policies".

Meanwhile, many local authority powers have been transferred to urban development corporations, grant-maintained schools and further education colleges. Elected councillors have been excluded from health authorities and will play a small role in the new police authorities. But local government still spends more than £70 billion a year and may spend more as new duties such as the responsibility for community care begin to bite. Its structures and strategies need constant review.

Equally, there is much that Whitehall bureaucrats can now learn from the imaginative tactics adopted by some councils to make their resources go further: not only by contracting out services but also through so-called "voluntarisation" whereby local authorities help voluntary organisations to perform the services which they are statutorily obliged to provide.

More could still be done to professionalise local government and reduce the gap between amateur councillors and paid officials whose relations have always been ambiguous. The Banham commission's work will reduce the number of councillors substantially. The environment department must consider whether those who assume onerous responsibilities in future should receive some kind of performance-related payment and whether an elected, salaried mayor at the head of each authority might be an improvement on an unpaid council leader often at odds with his officials.

In a recent lecture, John Patten, the government's licensed constitutional thinker, argued that local authorities might eventually wither away, transferring their powers gradually to "Care Associations" staffed by vigorous citizens. His vision of democratically elected councillors replaced by self-appointed civic activists is still a remote prospect. But it should encourage the public to ask how much more power it is prepared to sign away to quangos and unelected groups, and what sort of local governance it wants. Such questions should exercise us more than the fate of one parliamentary seat in west Berkshire.

RICH MAN'S LAW

Tougher bail conditions would not have stopped Asil Nadir

"No words can express the happiness I feel coming back to my people," crowed an unrepentant Asil Nadir yesterday, having absconded to Northern Cyprus while on bail awaiting charges of theft and false accounting. Doubtless no words can express the fury of the Serious Fraud Office at seeing the man they had spent nearly two-and-a-half years preparing to prosecute slip through their fingers. Since Britain has no diplomatic relations with Northern Cyprus, there is little chance of Mr Nadir returning.

The SFO must be particularly annoyed since it opposed bail for Mr Nadir from the start. As a rich foreigner with assets in a country free from the threat of extradition, both the opportunity and the motivation to jump bail were clear. But the SFO's argument was countered by the administrators of Polly Peck, who wanted as much freedom as possible for the defendant so that he could help them to track down money on behalf of the business's creditors. The court's compromise was to set bail at a record-breaking £3.5 million, to confiscate Mr Nadir's British and Turkish passports and to require him to report daily to the police.

This was the toughest regime the court could realistically demand short of remanding Mr Nadir in custody. Britain has no tradition of house arrest and the police do not have the time or the money to shadow people awaiting trial. Given the length of time that elapses between the first charges of fraud and the trial itself, often several years, to have sent Mr Nadir to jail would have been a drastic and punitive act. It would have been compounded by the fact that other defendants in recent City fraud trials have been allowed bail: and by the low conviction rate of the SFO in recent cases. Mr Nadir was first arrested in December 1990, and his trial was scheduled for September this year. Had he been acquitted, he could have ended up spending three years in prison as an innocent man.

And yet the co-ordination in this case does seem to have been faulty. The bail regime under which Mr Nadir operated has been loosened over the years at the same time as the pressures on him to abscond have strengthened. From reporting daily to the police, the courts relaxed the condition to three times weekly and finally to once a week, though they still refused to return his passport. Yet he was being pursued by his trustees in bankruptcy, who were going to take him to court yesterday to try to send him to prison. One arm of the law apparently did not know what the other was doing.

No ordinary defendant would have been able to act as cavalierly as Mr Nadir has done. The confiscation of a passport imposes a barrier to travel for all but the most ingenious or for those, such as Mr Nadir, who can afford to charter a private plane. The loss of bail sureties deters most people from absconding, but not if they are as rich as Mr Nadir. No bail conditions could have absolutely ensured that this particular defendant would remain in Britain until his trial.

For that reason, the SFO's opposition to bail was understandable. But until the process of bringing those accused of serious fraud to trial is speeded up, courts are bound to think long and hard about refusing bail. If the SFO wants to ensure its defendants eventually appear in court, it must find ways of bringing them to justice faster.

A STUDY IN NOSTALGIA

The prima donna's vanishing jewels make a classic case

Night had fallen and the lamps had been lit on an evening in early May, when Mrs Hudson ushered into the comfortable old cliché in Baker Street a statuesque woman in evening dress. Holmes laid down his violin, rose to his feet, and bowed. "Diva," he said, "You honour our humble rooms. But beyond the obvious facts that you have just been singing in duets by Schumann and Fauré, arrived here in a minicab driven by a Cypriot, and have forgotten your handbag, I know nothing whatever about you or how to help you. I have, of course, admired you from a box in the great Verdi roles. In my opinion, yours was the most heart-rending Mimi I have ever been privileged to hear."

Victoria de los Angeles put her hand to her mouth. "Mr Holmes," she said in the tones that have enslaved audiences from the Garden to the Met, "I had heard of your reputation, which is why I have come to you first. But you must be a magician to read so much in me. You should know that my bag has just disappeared backstage at the Wigmore Hall. It contained jewels worth £250,000, and £7,000 in Italian lire."

"The Wigmore Hall is my regular resort on Sunday mornings," declared Holmes gravely, "though I have not considered it before as a centre of our great metropolitan cesspool of crime. I have, of course, been consulted over the loss of illustrious gems before, as in the case of the Polly Peck pearl (paste), a story for which Dr Watson is not yet prepared. But other famous detectives also were always dealing with such matters. They are the stuff of crime fiction. In real life, sadly, famous jewels are locked in safe deposit boxes in Switzerland these days. Only the greatest prima donnas still carry them around in their bags. This new world is bad for the science of romantic detection."

The most famous Belgian in fact or fiction twirled his waxed moustaches, tapped his egghead, and spoke in a bogus continental accent: "These little grey cells. Your jewels should be 'up to them' — as you say over here. *N'est ce pas?* Can you explain *pourquoi* you left the bag in the Green Room while you rehearsed instead of carrying it on stage with you? During that half hour, *le bon Dieu* knows what can have happened to it."

Morse put on a CD of Madame de los Angeles singing Falla's Spanish songs, and scowled at the absence of any blood-curdling sexual implications. Father Brown passed a portentous paradox: "It isn't that they can't see the hand. It is that they can't see the bag." The eyes of Lord Peter Wimsey and Inspector Alleyn sparkled as they worked out refined allusions to decorate a crime of the old sort. Marlowe longed for somebody to burst through the door with a gun in his hand, and Bond lusted for a blonde.

The theft of Victoria de los Angeles's jewels was a mean crime, which must be pursued vigorously; but it brought a vanished glitter to the greyness and violence of modern villainy. The detectives dealing with it will certainly be less glamorous than their old fictional shadows. We hope that they are even a hundredth part as successful.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Drawbacks of league tables for hospital operations

From Mr Nigel H. Harris

Sir, Margot Norman ("How to pick a hospital and stay alive", April 29) fails to mention one of the most valuable parts of the Royal College of Surgeons' national enquiry into peri-operative deaths (1992), namely the detailed breakdown of causation, which were not included in the *Times* published league tables (reports, April 27, 28; leading article, April 28; letters, April 30). Would she not agree that the cause of death is relevant?

Failure to mention doctors' names in the report does not invalidate the statistics. Co-operation of surgeons and anaesthetists is essential for the production of this and future reports. It would not be forthcoming, for obvious legal reasons, unless anonymity was preserved.

Patients who die after operations have not necessarily been "damaged" by the surgical team. Many die from natural causes such as cerebro-vascular accidents, coronary thrombosis and cancer.

Yours faithfully,
N. H. HARRIS,
72 Harley Street, W1.
May 1.

From Mr Charles D. Collins

Sir, Consultants are often blamed for shortcomings in the quality of service that they offer. Consultant surgeons have tried to cope with the ever-increasing workload demands by working harder and longer themselves, pressurising their trainee surgeons to increased service activity, taking on clinical assistants or employing staff grade or associate specialist help. There has been very slow expansion in consultant numbers.

Some surgeons have been able to maintain standards by personal commitment far in excess of that reflected by their contracts of employment; others have compromised the quality of care that they have offered, and most have allowed or encouraged clinical service work to be undertaken by others who may or may not be adequately trained and supervised.

This is the present state of affairs in the delivery of general surgical services and does not measure up to the expectations or requirements of the individual patient, the public, the referring practitioners, the purchasers or the press. Likewise, the quality of surgical practice does not measure up to the standards or rights of the patient's charter.

In order to plan for the proper quality of care to be provided and the avoidable mortality following operation to be reduced it is necessary to gain some understanding of what a general surgeon does and how much he can do. The Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland have concluded that there should be one consultant general surgeon per 30,000 population. This compares with one for 50,000 in England and Wales, one for 32,000 in Scotland and one for 28,000 in Northern Ireland.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES COLLINS
(Consultant general surgeon),
Taunton and Somerset Hospital,
Musgrove Park, Taunton, Somerset.
May 1.

From Sir Anthony Alment

Sir, It is right to collect and reasonable to publish in useful and significant form performance data for comparable incidents of health care. For many years past the studies of maternal mortality and perinatal mortality and morbidity have been examples of comprehensive confidential surveys beneficial to all concerned, and their degree of confidentiality has ensured that both the detail of enquiry and the confidence of the contributors has been as great as possible.

This government sets great store by the contribution of private health care to the total and it is estimated that about 60 per cent of NHS consultants in Britain have some private practice, with rapidly increasing specialists' earning power over the past 15 years. Yet a recent national survey of independent hospitals with operating theatres, in which details of procedures were sought during just a single week in February 1992, yielded a response rate from them of only 49 per cent.

Should not the use of a standard data set now be a condition for licensing all institutions where patients are cared for? Is it sufficient that the principle of *caveat emptor* and the advertising power of the insurers should be the only common guarantors of quality in the private sector?

Yours truly,
ANTHONY ALMENT,
Winston House,
Boughton, Northampton.
April 28.

From Dr I. C. McManus

Sir, Differences between hospitals in death rates for surgical operations may well suggest that patients are involved in a "lottery"; but such differences alone are not sufficient as evidence that hospitals differ in the quality of their care.

Consider 100 hospitals, each of which performs a particular operation with a 1 per cent mortality rate 500 times a year involving 50,000 patients overall. Assume that the quality of hospitals is identical in every respect. Despite that, and inevitably due to the sampling of relatively small numbers, 20 of the hospitals will have either one death or none at all, while another 20 hospitals will have nine or more deaths — seemingly a nine-fold difference in performance.

Variation due to statistical sampling must always exist, whenever league tables are produced. Indeed, one should be deeply suspicious when such variation does *not* occur. But such differences do not prove the existence of *true* variation in performance: for that, more sophisticated analyses are necessary.

What is clear is that if league tables are to be a regular feature of daily life, then professionals and the lay public will require more education in the interpretation of statistical data. And newspapers such as your own will have to learn to present sufficient data for a proper interpretation, including, most crucially, the sample sizes and rates of events.

Yours,
I. C. McMANUS,
Department of Psychology,
St Mary's Hospital Medical School,
Norfolk Place, W2.
April 27.

From Mr J. K. Morland

Sir, Mr M. L. Abel (letter, April 30) is right to draw attention to the importance of compiling accurate statistics of hospital deaths.

Most private hospitals are not geared up for serious emergencies. In my own case as a high-risk patient with heart problems, my consultant refused to perform an operation on me other than in an NHS hospital where full emergency facilities were available. All NHS expenses were reimbursed by my private health insurance. As I did not die, I did not affect the statistics.

On the other hand, a friend, admitted to a private hospital for an operation, developed serious complications. He was transferred to the nearest NHS hospital, where he died one week later.

Yours faithfully,
J. K. MORLAND,
New House, Capel Leyse,
Moorhurst Lane, South Holmwood,
Dorking, Surrey.
May 1.

The milk of hope for starving Africa

From Dr T. Scarlett Epstein

Sir, Nancy Abeiderrahmane's plans to export cheese made of camel milk (report and photograph, May 1), for which she was given an enterprise award, is not only a laudable venture to increase Mauritanian export earnings but it also highlights the important resource camel milk represents.

Camel milk is the most nutritious milk available in hot climes. It has much lower fat and much higher water content than any other milk and contains a lot of vitamins and proteins. Therefore, camel milk can not only be processed into cheese for export but could also help millions of famine-stricken Africans in areas where the desert is rapidly expanding.

However the average African camel at present yields only three litres of milk a day. To increase this a camel physiologist at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has been working together with the Beduin and by applying techniques already established with cattle has managed to breed high-milk-yielding camels, each of which can produce between 30 and 40 litres a day. The milk of such high-yielding herds offers an attractive means to help starving Africans to become self-sufficient. There is thus an urgent need to give African camel herders access to this new and effective technology.

This is the goal of a development aid project adopted by ourselves. It is a more fundamental contribution to meeting some of Africa's needs than the vital if more emotionally charged emergency aid to which we and many others have contributed.

Yours faithfully,
T. SCARLETT EPSTEIN
(Honorary Director), UK Jewish Aid,
44a New Cavendish Street, W1.
May 3.

Dangerous liaisons

From Mr Fred P. Cavese

Sir, Mr David Pannick, QC, writing on the problem of sexual relations between attorneys and clients ("When sex pleads its case in court," Law, April 27), says American state bars "have yet to adopt rules that impose a general prohibition on lawyers entering into sexual relations with clients".

I must point out that the state of California, often a trend-setter in American legal developments, has addressed the problem of sexual exploitation of clients by attorneys.

California State Bar Rule 3-120 (adopted in 1991, approved by the California Supreme Court in 1992) prohibits sexual relations with a client by way of demand, coercion, intimidation or undue influence. Further, even if sexual relations develop through other means, e.g., mutual attraction, representation must cease if the adequacy of legal service is compromised.

This rule was enacted into state law by the California legislature last year, providing for disciplinary action against an attorney who violates it. Stay tuned for other states to follow suit.

Mr Pannick, you were on target when you identified a problem that is becoming more prevalent in both your country and mine. However, contrary to what you reported, my bar has already taken steps to remedy the situation. Let me know when yours does, too.

Yours sincerely,
FRED P. CAVESE,
(Member, State Bar of California),
University of Notre Dame,
London Law Centre,
7 Albemarle Street, W1.
May 1.

Newbury's choice

From Mr Martin Russell

Sir, The simplest way for the Conservative candidate at Newbury to win the by-election is for him to announce immediately that as a result of his campaign he has formed the opinion that a large number of the constituents want a referendum, and that he would vote for that in the House of Commons.

What the British people want is not a treaty of European union but a treaty of European co-operation. Mr Major is the ideal man to negotiate such a treaty. We must start again.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN RUSSELL,
Dungrove Farm House,
Tarrant Gunville, Blandford, Dorset.
May 2.

Misplaced blame

From Mrs Inga Haag

Sir, As a long-time and faithful reader of *The Observer*, I am delighted that David Astor's liberal and humanitarian tradition is likely to continue in the paper's new lifespan, but I do think Donald Trelford (letter, May 3) exaggerates in blaming Thatcherite economics as "the cause of all the country's present ills". What about similar problems in Germany, France, Sweden or Belgium — let alone the former Comecon states?

Yours faithfully,
INGA HAAG,
1 Upper Wimpole Street, W1.
May 3.

Trial by jury

From Mr Stanley Best

Sir, In Scotland the vast majority of criminal cases not tried by a jury are heard by a lawyer and not, as in England and Wales, by lay magistrates, many of whom are too often prosecution-minded. To take away the defendant's right to elect trial by jury (letters, April 26) would be to invite serious injustice in many cases.

To require a defendant to reveal his defence before trial and to restrict the disclosure by the prosecution of unused material would unfairly weight matters against a defendant already hampered because he does not enjoy the facilities available to the prosecution in the preparation of his defence.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY BEST,
Portsmouth Barristers' Chambers,
7 Bellevue Terrace,
Southsea,
Portsmouth, Hampshire.

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Maternity leave

From the Director of the Maternity Alliance and others

Sir, Tomorrow there will be a crucial vote in the House of Lords on the maternity provisions in the government's Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Bill. An amendment is being put which would extend the general period of maternity leave in the bill from 14 weeks to 18 weeks. It is important for the welfare of families and for industrial efficiency that this amendment is passed.

At the moment 40 per cent of working women have no right to maternity leave because they have not clocked up the necessary service (the most stringent service requirements in Europe). These women especially stand to gain from the new maternity rights in the bill.

However, we believe 14 weeks is too short — women will have to return to work when their babies are still very tiny. Many will be unable to do so. In debate, the government has insisted that an extra four weeks would be an intolerable burden on employers. However, the Federation of Small Businesses has made it clear it has no objection, as the cost would be minimal.

Employers would find an 18-week leave period easier to administer, as it would harmonise with the statutory maternity pay scheme.

There is no medical, financial or social rationale for 14 weeks' maternity leave. The government has an opportunity to create a rational scheme which would benefit employers, new parents and babies, and should support the 18-week amendment now.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTINE GOWDRIDGE,
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May 5.

Teaching classics

From Professor John O'Connell

Sir, Mr Derek Enright, MP, is quite right (letter, April 28) to say that learning Latin is practically helpful to pupils of nearly all levels of ability as a means of learning the grammar and vocabulary of English and other modern languages. But he draws wholly the wrong conclusion from his correct assertion.

Learning Latin is a process of acquiring a body of certain (and unchanging) knowledge, an experience that all children of a certain age enjoy. It is the perfect example of the "imposition from above of identikit syllabuses and tests" that Mr Enright illogically goes on to condemn the government for promoting. In the learning of the Latin language — in contrast with classical studies syllabuses made up of translated passages and potted history — there is no hiding behind the formless and expensive projects of child-centered learning and "discovery methods".

Children do not discover Latin for themselves: it has to be learned as a common body of incontestable knowledge, which has to be taught, and tested by the pencil-and-paper methods that Mr Enright and his political allies condemn.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN O'CONNELL,
678 Bradford Road, Bradley Bar,
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

Toxic waste fears

From Ms Kerry Rankine

Sir, Greenpeace does not agree with David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, that the results of the Welsh Office study of the toxic contamination around the Rechem International incineration plant near Pontypool in South Wales, are "reassuring" (report, April 23, earlier editions).

The "small area" where the contamination has been found contains an old people's home, homes, farms and light industry. It is irresponsible of Mr Hunt to announce that the high levels of toxic PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and dioxins found do not pose any significant risk to people living in that area or their environment when no health studies to support his claim have been done.

There has been widespread local and international concern about possible pollution from the Rechem toxic waste incinerator for the last 20 years. Now that hard evidence of pollution has been found, it is the government's responsibility to investigate the possibility of harm to local people and the environment, rather than to issue bland assurances that there is no danger.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution is currently considering Rechem's licence to operate. This should be refused until it is proven that existing pollution has not damaged the environment or the health of local people.

Yours faithfully,
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(Toxics campaigner), Greenpeace,
Canonbury Villas, N1.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Sex inequality

From Ms Irene Harris

Sir, Members of Club 2000, which represents senior management women, attended the Institute of Directors' annual convention at the Albert Hall on April 27 (reports, April 28) and found that out of an audience of 3,000 only about 100 were female.

There was not a single woman on the platform yet the Business in the Community initiative Opportunity 2000 proclaims that women will play a big role in the future of business at all levels.

Why is the IoD apparently failing to recognise this fact?

Yours truly,
IRENE HARRIS
(Founder, Club 2000),
4 Paddington Street, W1.
May 2.

Loving and living

From Lord Kilbracken

Sir, Miss A. C. Balchin (April 30) quotes from a recent report that women are more prepared than men to cohabit and asks in puzzlement: "With whom then are they cohabiting?"

No problem. The number of males and females must certainly be roughly equal, apart from the occasional *ménage à trois*, but that's another matter. The report merely indicates that men are less *prepared* than their partners for the state of cohabitation. This wouldn't surprise me.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN KILBRACKEN,
House of Lords.
April 30.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 5: The Queen was represented by the Reverend Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Lord Zuckerman, OM, which was held at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, London NW8, today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Brian McGrath.

May 5: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this afternoon attended the *launch of the Football Initiative* between The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Football Association at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a dinner to meet the Western Samoa Rugby Sevens Team, the Groucho Club, 45 Dean Street, London W1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

May 5: The Princess Royal this afternoon attended *the* annual luncheon of the Lighting Industry Federation, the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, Under Warden, the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, this evening attended the Court Meeting and Livery Dinner, Painters' Hall, Little Trinity Lane, London EC4, and was installed as Upper Warden.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 5: Queen *Elizabeth* The Queen Mother was entertained at luncheon today by the President and Members of the Special Forces Club. The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

Her Majesty was represented by Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, at *the Service of Thanksgiving for the* Life of the Lord Zuckerman, OM, which was held in the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, today.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 5: The Prince of Wales, Chairman, Prince of Wales' Committee, this morning launched an environmental awareness project at Ysgol Gyfun Dyffryn Taf, North *Road, Whitland, and was received* by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dyfed (Mr David Mansel Lewis). Commander Robert Fraser, RN, was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Macmillan Nurse Appeal, this evening attended a concert, the Nimbus Foundation, Wyastone Leys, Monmouth, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hereford and Worcester (Mr Thomas Dunne). Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales was represented by the Lord Brabourne at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Lord Zuckerman, OM, which was held at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, London NW8, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 5: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Anglo-European College of Chiropractic, this morning attended the launch of the report of a King's Fund Working Party on the statutory regulation and registration of chiropractic, the King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1. Captain Edward Musto, RM, was in attendance.

May 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon presided at the annual general meeting of the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the Scottish Children's League which was held at the City Chambers, Glasgow. Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by the Lord Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow, The Right Hon The Lord Provost Robert Innes. The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by the Lady Glenconner at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Zuckerman, OM, which was held at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, London, NW8, today.

May 5: The Duke of Gloucester, President, East Midlands Tourist Board, today visited tourist sites in Leicestershire and Derbyshire.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Mr Timothy Brooks) and Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton). Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Chief Patron, Women Caring Trust, was present this evening at a Reception to mark the trust's 21st anniversary at the House of Lords, London SW1. The Lady Camoys was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
May 5: The Duke of Kent this morning visited the Lady Haig's Poppy Factory, Logie Green Road, Edinburgh and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Right Honourable the Lord Provost).

His Royal Highness, Colonel, Scots Guards, this afternoon visited the 2nd Battalion, Dreghorn Barracks, *Colinton Road, Edinburgh.* Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, this morning opened the new Salisbury District Hospital, Odstock, Salisbury and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs) and as Patron visited the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund unit within Salisbury District Hospital, Wiltshire. Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by the Earl and Countess of St Andrews at a Thanksgiving Service for the Life of the Lord Zuckerman, OM, which was held at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, London NW8, today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 5: *Princess Alexandra this* afternoon received Dame Josephine Barnes, President of the National Birthday Trust Fund, and the Hon Mrs Susan Baring, Chairman, upon relinquishing these appointments on the amalgamation of the fund with Birthright. Her Royal Highness and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended a Charity Gala Evening to mark the 75th anniversary of the British Antique Dealers' Association, and in aid of the Macmillan Nurse Appeal, at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, London SW3. Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Lord Zuckerman, OM, which was held in the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, London NW8, today.

Birthdays today

Sir John Arnold, former President of the Family Division, 78; the Marquess of Bath, 61; Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Blacker, 54; Mr Tony Blair, MP, 40; the Earl of Caledon, 38; Mr Roy Cooke, former director, Coventry School Foundation, 63; Professor Rosemary Cramp, archaeologist, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir Walter Dawson, 91; Miss Carol Ellis, QC, editor, *The Law Reports*, 64; Sir Frank Ereaut, former Bailiff of Jersey, 74; Mr Robert Fell, former chief executive, Stock Exchange, 72; Mr Stewart Granger, actor, 80; Major-General John Hamilton-Jones, 67; Sir Ronald Harris, former First Church Estates Commissioner, 80; Mr J.R. Henderson, Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, 73; Dr Cyril Nemeth, Lord Mayor of Westminster, 66. Lord Pender, 60.



Restored to glory: the Very Rev Peter Moore, Dean of St Albans, stands before the newly restored shrine at the cathedral. After two years of work, the 685-year-old shrine will be rehallowed today at a service to be attended by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

Memorial service

Lord Zuckerman, OM

The Queen was represented by the Rev Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, the Duke of Edinburgh by Mr Brian McGrath and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by Major Sir Ralph Anstruther at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Zuckerman, OM, held yesterday at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood. The Prince of Wales was represented by Lord Brabourne, Princess Margaret by Lady Glenconner, the Duke of Kent by the Earl of St Andrews, the Duchess of Kent by the Countess of St Andrews and Princess Alexandra by Major Sir Peter Clarke.

Rabbi John D. Rayner, Rabbi David J. Goldberg and Rabbi Alexandra Wright officiated. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and the Hon William Waldegrave, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister responsible for the Office of Science and Technology, gave addresses. Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, was represented by Mr David Madel, MP.

Among those present were:

Lady Zuckerman (widow), the Hon Paul Zuckerman (son), Dr A Norman (son-in-law), Sebastian Norman (grandson), Hester Norman (granddaughter), Lady Elizabeth Hornsby (sister-in-law), Mr David Buirski, Mr Anton Buirski, Mr Simon Buirski, the Marquess of Reading, Mr Richard Hornsby, Mr David Hornsby, Lady Jacqueline Thomson, Lady Glenkinglas, the Hon Mrs Denzil How, the Hon Mrs Peter Egerton-Warburton, the Hon Mrs Jonathan Delap, the Hon Mrs John Boyle, Mr and Mrs Andrew Sinclair, Lord Melchett, Mr and the Hon Mrs Adam Boulton, Mrs Christopher Horden, Mrs Ralph Cobbold.

The Duke of Devonshire, Marquess Townshend, the Earl of Bessborough, the Countess of Cranbrook, Earl and Countess Jellicoe, Viscount and Viscountess Norwich, Viscount Coke, Valeria Viscountess Coke, Lord Wyatt of Weeford, Lord Todd, OM, (Christ's College, Cambridge), Lady Carrington, Lady Thorneycroft, Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Craig of Radley, Lord and Lady Flowers, the Dowager Lady Egremont, Lord and Lady Chalfont, Teresa Lady Rothschild, Lord and Lady Peyton of Yeovil, Lord Scarman, Lady Soames, Field Marshal Lord and Lady Carver, Lord Sherfield, Lady Jenkins of Hillhead, Lord and Lady Annan, Lord and Lady Rayne, Lord and Lady Wolfson of Marylebone, Mr Aubrey Jones, Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, Lady Carey Basset, Lady Daphne Straight, Lady Silvia Combe, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, the Hon Mrs Judith Sinclair, the Hon Sir John Astor, the Hon David Astor, the Hon Emma Rothschild, the Hon David Bernstein, the Hon Sir William McAlpine.

Lady d'Avigdor Goldsmith, Lady Lever, Sir Ronald and Lady Waterhouse, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, and Lady Berlin, Field Marshal Sir John Chapple (president, Zoological Society of London) with Professor R McNeill Alexander (secretary); Sir Barry Cross, Sir Edgar Williams, Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme, Sir Hermann Bondi (Churchill College, Cambridge), Sir Edward and Lady Playfair, Sir Richard and Lady Young, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael and Lady Beetham, Sir Edward Ford (secretary and registrar, Order of Merit), Sir John Killick, Sir Richard Davies, Lady Harrod, Lady Bean, Lady Dalton, General Sir Harry and Lady Tuzo, Sir Philip Woodfield, Sir William Henderson, Sir Hugh Casson, CH, and Lady Casson, Sir Frank Cooper, Air Marshal Sir Denis and Lady Crowley-Milling, Sir Alan and Lady Bowness, Sir Richard Way, Mr Frank Giles (Grillions Club) and Lady Katharine Giles.

Professor D Burke, Mr R Frostick and Professor Keith Clayton (University of East *Anglia) and Mrs Burke, Dr D Secher (Cancer* Research Campaign), Miss M Baldwin (Loss Prevention Council), Mr Peter Olney (Federation of Zoos of Great Britain and Ireland), Dr M R Brambell (North of England Zoological Society, Chester Zoo), Professor Anthony Firth (representing the Council and Members of the Anatomical Society of Great Britain and Ireland), Mr John Edmonds (Council for Arms Control), Mr Elliot Philipp (Medical Society of London), Mr F L Broadhurst (Birmingham University) with Dr Alan Glass (Anatomy Department, Medical School); Dr F A Fairweather (British Industrial Biological Research Association), Major-General Eric Younson (representing the President and Members of the Ordnance Board), Professor Joseph Rotblat (Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs), Mr Garry Pulsifer (Peter Owen Publishers).

Mrs Ian Mond, Mr and Mrs J W M Thompson, Dr L G Goodwin, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Wilfred Beckerman, Dr Robert Smith, Mr John Profumo, Mr and Mrs J Taylorson, Mr Max Nicholson, Dr J P Bull, Dr and Mrs J Bevan, Mr and Mrs Basil Collins, Mr Philip Ziegler, Dr Juliet Clutton-Brock, Mrs Michael Kaser, Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, Major Thomas Harvey, Mrs Gillian Booth, Brigadier Peter Stewart-Richards, Mr David Phillips, Mr John Guinness, Mrs Barry Ryan, Professor and Mrs J Z Young, Mr Walter d'Arcy Hart, Mr David Mond Brackley, Mr and Mrs Ben Benjamin, Professor and Mrs P A Jewell.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the rehallowing of the shrine at St Albans Abbey at 3.45.

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the National Gallery Trust, will attend a dinner at the gallery at 8.00 to mark the re-opening of the Central Hall.

The Princess of Wales will visit a local drugs prevention team project at the Wallace Lawler Centre, Newtown, Aston, Birmingham, at 11.15; will open Victoria Square, Birmingham City Centre, at 11.55; as Patron of the Foundation for Conductive Education, will attend a luncheon at the Metropole Hotel, near Birmingham, at 12.45 to mark the charity's fifth anniversary; and will open the Jewish Welfare Board's old people's home at Stirchley at 3.05.

The Princess Royal, as President of Patrons, Crime Concern, will attend the Lessons in Crime Prevention conference at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 10.15; as Patron of the Cranfield Trust, will attend a conference on management problems of small and medium sized charities, at the IBM Marketing Centre, 76 Upper Ground, SE1, at 2.00; and, as Chancellor of London University, will attend the Union's Honorary Life Membership and Laurels ceremony at Malet Street at 6.45.

Princess Margaret will attend the Royal Caledonian Ball at Grosvenor House at 10.05pm.

The Duke of Gloucester will present the Sand and Gravel Association's restoration awards at a luncheon at the RAF Club at 12.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the design technology centre at Warwick Park School, Peckham Road, SE15, at 11.00.

Princess Alexandra, as President of the Royal Humane Society, will attend the annual court at Haberdashers' Hall at 2.55; and, as president, will attend a concert at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, at 7.25 in aid of the Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen.

The Duke of Kent, as honorary Air Vice-Marshal, will visit RAF Leuchars at 10.00; and will attend the inaugural Watson-Watt lecture and dinner at the Royal Aeronautical Society, W1, at 5.50.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops annual floral luncheon at the Savoy Hotel at 12.20.

British Medical Association Council

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, was the guest of honour at the British Medical Association's Council dinner held at the Dorchester hotel on May 4. Dr Jeremy Lee-Potter, chairman of council, and Mrs Lee-Potter were the hosts *with Professor Arthur* Kennedy, acting BMA president, and Mrs Kennedy, Dr W.J. Appleyard, chairman, BMA Representative Body, and Mrs Appleyard and Dr Alistair Riddell, BMA treasurer, and Mrs Riddell. Among the guests were:

Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG, (Lord Lieutenant of Greater London) and Lady Bramall, Sir Robert Kilpatrick (president, General Medical Council) and Lady Kilpatrick, Sir Russell Hillhouse (Permanent *Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office) and* Lady Hillhouse, Mr Graham Hart (Permanent Secretary, Department of Health) and Mrs Hart, Sir Richard Lloyd-Jones (Permanent Secretary, Welsh Office), Sir Duncan Nichol (Chief Executive of the NHS Management Executive), Mr Alan Elliot (Permanent Secretary, Department of Health and Social Services, Northern Ireland) and Mrs Elliot, Professor N. Browse (president, Royal College of Surgeons) and Mrs Browse, Dr A G Donald (president, Royal College of General Practitioners), Professor A C P Sims (president, Royal College of Psychiatrists) and Mrs Sims, Professor A A Spence (president, Royal College of Anaesthetists) and Mrs Spence, Professor and Mrs J Owen Drife.

Institute of Science Technology

The Institute of Science Technology/Whatman prize for the best student in *Biology* across the country has been won by Helen Clarke of Sunderland University.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P.G. Andrews and Miss S.L.A. Humphrey

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr Jonnie Andrews, of Taliaris, Carmarthenshire, and Mrs Jeremy McCarter, of Denholm, Roxburghshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Humphrey, of Ashton, Hampshire.

Dr J.M. Driscoll and Miss K.B. Piper

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.W. Driscoll, of Hemingford Grey, Cambridgeshire, and Kim, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Piper, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

Mr L.E. Foulds and The Hon Rose Eden

The engagement is announced between Laurence Emerson, younger son of Mr and Mrs Emerson Foulds, of *Guildford*, Surrey, and Rose Griselda, youngest daughter of the late Lord Henley and of Nancy, Lady Henley.

Mr A.H. Grant and Miss J.C. Walker

The engagement is announced between Antony, younger son of Dr Michael Grant and Mrs Anne-Sophie Grant, of Gattaiola, Lucca, Italy, and Carole, only daughter of the late Mr Valentine Walker and of Mrs Patricia Walker, of Field Lane, North Walsham, Norfolk.

Mr T.L. Hay and Miss S.C. Campbell

The engagement is announced between Timothy Lewis, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hay, of Warkton Lane, Kettering, North*amptonshire, and Shirley* Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Campbell, of Troon, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Mr J.P. Hudson and Mrs P.L. Mander

The engagement is announced between John Peter Hudson, of Wolvercote, Oxford, and Penelope Loveday Mander, of Summertown, Oxford.

Mr A.I.M. Kennedy and Miss R.M.H. Salt

The engagement is announced between Alexander, second son of Mr and Mrs John Kennedy, of Kensington, London, and Rebecca, second daughter of the late Sir Anthony Salt, Bt, and of Prudence Lady Salt, of Ugley Green, Essex.

Mr G.W. Rowan Hamilton and Miss P.A.J. Martin

The engagement is announced between Gawn, only son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Denys Rowan Hamilton, of Killyleagh Castle, Co Down, and Polly, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs Rodney Martin, of Weyhouse, Withypool, Somerset.

Mr S.A. Maurin and Miss A.D. Durr

The engagement is announced between Sebastien, son of M and Mme Claude Maurin, of 12 rue de Siam, 75116 Paris and Cockley Cley, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Durr, of Cape Town.

Mr J.L. Stitt and Baroness Christina von Ditfurth

The engagement is announced between John Lanktree, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs James Stitt, of Belfast, and Christina Isabella Melanie Luisella, *daughter of Baron and Baroness* von Ditfurth, of Vienna.

Dr P.C. Waterfield and Dr A.P.H. Grieveson

The engagement is announced between Philip Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C. Waterfield, of Coleshill, Warwickshire, and Ailsa Pauline Hilary, elder daughter of Professor B.M. Grieveson, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr G.D.G. Woollard and Miss H.M.C. Mitchell

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Norma Woollard and the late Eric Woollard, of Heaton Mersey, Stockport, and Harriet, younger daughter of Graham and Wendy Mitchell, of Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.

Marriages

Captain J.A.E. Clinch and Miss S.J. Crichton-Brown

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 1, at St James's Church, Shere, of Captain James Clinch, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Clinch, of Stanford, Kent, to Miss Samantha Crichton-Brown, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Crichton-Brown, of Peaslake, Surrey. The Rev Nicholas Farbridge officiated.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Georgina Crichton-Brown and Miss Nicola Dowling. Mr Patrick Clinch was best man.

Mr M. Cresswell-Turner and Miss J. Prevost

The marriage took place quietly on Thursday, April 29, in London of Mr Marcus Cresswell-Turner to Miss Julie Prevost.

Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company

The Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company, marked the 436th anniversary of the granting *of their charter by awarding major* scholarships to improve technological and managerial skills in associated trades to Mr Christopher Brown, Miss Rosemary Brown, Mr Jocelyn Martin, Mr Graham Risebrow and Miss Lorraine Warren at a dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall. Mr G.T. Mandl, Master, presided. Mr K. Adams, Chairman of the Foundation for Manufacturing and Industry, and Mr J.G.P. Crowden also spoke.

Dinner

Woolmen's Company

The Princess Royal was installed as Upper Warden of the Woolmen's Company at the installation court dinner held last night at Painters' Hall.

Mr Raymond J.R. Cousins, Master, presided and presented the Lord Barnby bursary medal and prize for 1992 to Mr Ronald Haldenby, a mature student, for his management studies at Bradford and Ilkley Community College. Mr Jeremy M.B. Gotch and Mr D. Derek Fullarton also spoke.

Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Speaker was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster last night at City Hall. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for Jamaica, Alderman Sir Brian and Lady Jenkins, Vice-Admiral Sir Michael and Lady Layard, Sir Leslie and Dame Shirley Porter, Lieutenant-General Sir Alan and Lady Reay, Councillor Kevin Gardner and Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Professor and Mrs Norman Browse.

High Sheriff of Greater London

The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended the Sheriff's Breakfast given by Mr Anthony Everett, High Sheriff of Greater London, yesterday at the Royal Society of Arts.

Luncheon

Newspaper Society

The Prime Minister was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Newspaper Society held yesterday at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Richard Winfrey, president, was in the chair. Among those present were:

The Duke of Atholl, Lord McGregor of Durris, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Sir Norman Fowler, MP, Mr Richard Ryder, MP, Sir Richard Storey, Mr Hew Stevenson (senior vice-president), Mr Gerry Holbrook (junior vice-president) and Mr Ray Tindle (honorary treasurer).

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BAILEY - On May 2nd 1993, at St George's Hospital, to Alison (née Duffield) and Matthew, a son, Fergus Andrew Whitburn.

BRENSON - On 21st April, at La Grange, Illinois, USA, to Julie (née Thompson) and Ian, a son, Cameron John, a brother for Kirstie and James.

CLITHEROW - On 2nd May 1993, to Caroline (née Hitchcock) and Bruce, a daughter, Emma Mary, a sister for Charlotte.

de FAYET de MONTJOYE - On April 18th in Paris, to Kate (née Mahaffy) and Henry, a daughter, Daisy Camille Marie, a sister for Alexander and Clementine.

FAIRBAIRN - On 26th April 1993, to Catherine (née George) and James, a son, Edward James George, a brother for Emily and Abigail.

FITZALAN HOWARD - On May 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Josephine (née Johnsen) and Richard, a daughter, Artemis Cecilia Maria, a sister for Lydia.

FITZPATRICK - On 2nd May 1993, to Alison (née Wilkes) and Robert, a daughter, Francesca Kate.

HARRIS - On May 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Wendy (née Drew) and Michael, a son, Tom Alexander Ross, a brother for Charlotte and William.

MARLOW-THOMAS - On May 4th at Queen Charlotte's, to Julia (née Heaton) and Piers, a son, Charles, a brother for Oliver and Amelia.

MARLOW - On April 28th at the Wellington Hospital, to Colette (née Goldberg) and Edwin, a beautiful daughter, Chloë Sara.

MORE - On May 4th, to Joanna and Roger, in Bathurst, N.S.W., a daughter Camilla Hilda, a sister for Harry and Cherry.

NICOLL - On May 4th 1993, to Penny and Hamish, a son, Hugo William Findlay, a brother for Ramsay.

BIRTHS

NIEL MEE - On 27th April 1993, to Emma (née Beith) and Laurence, a daughter, Laura Diana.

O'SULLIVAN-SEHMI - On 4th May at the Wellington Hospital, to Mary and Heronimo Zoe, a beautiful daughter, Zoe Leonora, a sister for Abigail Louise.

PENDERS - Melanie and Bill Penders announce the birth of their son, Jake Patrick Penders, on Friday 30th April 1993 at the Wellington Hospital.

POLKEY - On April 20th at Lincoln County Hospital, to Catherine (née Burton) and Clive, a son, Edward Mark, a brother to Andrew.

THOMAS - On 23rd April 1993, to Caren (née Elliott) and Richard, a son, Joseph William.

TURNER - On April 30th at The Portland Hospital at 7.10 pm, to Jeri and Simon, a daughter, Charlotte Meryl. Sister to Jessica. Granddaughter to Bill and Marilyn Roche and Doug and Beryl Turner. Great-granddaughter to Peter and Pearl D'Amour and Bill and Doris Turner.

WALKER - On Saturday 1st May at Basildon Hospital, to Ray and Kim, a son, Thomas Raymond, 9lbs 5oz.

DEATHS

BEST - On 3rd May 1993 Lily Dorothy of Bexley, Kent aged 85 in Cunnamulla, Australia. RIP.

CHAPMAN - On May 2nd 1993, suddenly but peacefully at home, Mary Catherine, widow of Eric Chapman of East Molesey, beloved sister of Percival Taylor, aunt to Andrew and Lindsay and stepmother to Joanne and Nicholas. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on May 7th at 4 pm. Flowers to Fred'k W. Paine, East Molesey, or donations to the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

CORRIDON - On 1st May 1993, Major Richard Byrne, M.B.E., J.P., aged 85 years. Cremation at Woking St John's Crematorium on Wednesday 12th May at 3pm. No flowers, but send donations to Lynwood Nursing Home, Sunninghill, SL5 0AJ.

COURTNEY-BEER - Dorothy Elizabeth died peacefully in her sleep at St Peter's and St James', Wivelsfield Green. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Newick, Sussex, at 2.30 pm on Monday 10th May.

DANIN - On May 4th, Dr. Adolph Danin, FRCAnaes., died, as he had lived, in peace. Greatly loved and sadly missed by Judith, Clem and all who knew him. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 7th May at 11.30 am.

DONCASTER - Daniel William of Ardleigh, Colchester, tragically at work on 4th May, aged 48 years. Dearly loved husband of Susan, stepfather of Evan and Megan, only son of Anthony and Mary and brother of Susan. Funeral Service Thursday 13th May at Colchester Crematorium at 1 pm. Donations, if desired, for Arthritis Charities may be sent to Co-operative Funeral Service, Wimpole Road, Colchester.

EDWARDS - Suddenly at home on 26th April, John Raymond of Great Ayton, Middlesbrough, Cleveland. Sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral Service in Christ Church, Great Ayton, on Friday 7th May at 2.30 pm followed by interment at Great Ayton Cemetery.

EYLES - *Louise. Most dearly* loved mother of Pamela and Peter and grandmother to Kieren, Marelka, Simon, Nicholas and Christopher, who will all miss having such a good and loving person in their lives. All who knew or were touched by her, admired and loved her for her kindness and warmth. Died at Mount Alvernia Hospital on 30th April after a short fight against cancer. Funeral 2 pm at Dorking Cemetery, Monday 10th May. Flowers to the Funeral Director, Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25-27 South Road, Guildford, or donations to Cancer Research.

DEATHS

FORD - On April 30th 1993, suddenly, Joseph Francis Ford C.M.G., O.B.E., aged 80 years. Beloved husband of Margaret, loving father of Richard and John and dear grandfather of Simon and Antonia. Funeral private. Enquiries to Ashton Funeral Services, 140 Alexandra Road, Wimbledon, London SW19. (081) 946-1051.

FOWLER - Gerald Teasdale (Gerry), on May Day, peacefully at home, aged 58 years, after an illness fought spiritedly and accepted courageously, *the loving and* loved husband of Lorna, proud and beloved father of Julian and dearest son of Alfreda. Funeral Service at St Mark's, Regent's Park Road, NW1, on Tuesday May 11th at 2.30 pm, followed by committal at Golders Green Crematorium at 4 pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to The Palliative Care Team, c/o Dr. Rob George, The National Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, London NW1 2LT.

GALLAGHER - On May 2nd, at home after a long illness borne with courage, Ken. Husband of Brenda, father of Andrew, Robert, Rosemary and Lesley. Service of Remembrance at Hullavington Church, Monday 10th May at 2 pm. No flowers thank you. Donations if desired to P.C.C. for Hullavington Church Roof Fund c/o The Hon. Treasurer, 1 Brookside, Hullavington, Chippenham, Wilts. SN14 6DU.

GRIEFF - On April 29th, after a long and courageous fight against a depressive illness following a traumatic road accident, June Christina (née Wakeham). Forever lovingly remembered by husband Bryan and children 'Manda, Nick and Mike, also by Ted and Kate. Funeral Service on Friday May 7th at The Christ Church, Crookham at 11 am, followed by private cremation. All flowers welcome c/o A & W Goddards F/D Ltd., Kent Road, Fleet, Hants. GU13 9AH or tel: (0252) 616431.

HILL - On May 3rd, peacefully at home, Marcus Tufton, Beloved husband of Margaret. Funeral Service at More Church, More, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire, on Saturday May 8th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if wished to The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. Any enquiries to W.J. Morris Funeral Directors, Bishop's Castle, tel: (0588) 638479 or 638523.

HOPKINS - On 3rd May 1993 at Cambridge, Margaret aged 85 years, dearly loved wife of Hugh Evan, darling mum and grannie. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Monday May 10th at All Saints Church, Haslingfield, Cambridge at 3.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers welcomed at Chapel Of Rest, 49 Church Street, Willingham, tel: (0954) 260325.

LEIGH - Francis Denis, aged 79, on Saturday 1st May 1993, suddenly at home in Rotorua, New Zealand, formerly of Oldham and Lytham, Lancashire. Brother of the late Edward Brian Leigh of Falmouth and the late Arthur Patrick Leigh of Lytham. Sadly missed and fondly remembered by his family in England.

LEPAN - Gerald, in Johannesburg, South Africa, died Sunday 2nd May. Funeral Saturday 8th May. Survived by Joey, Louise, Estelle and Mary. Enquiries to tel: 011 477 5222.

MALPASS - On 27th April 1993 in Nigeria aged 45 years, Ian Christopher Malpass, beloved husband of Elizabeth, loving father of Ianthe, formerly of Coventry. Funeral Requiem Mass at St Elizabeth's Church, Eld Road, Coventry, on Friday 7th May at 8 am followed by interment at St Paul's Cemetery, Coventry. Enquiries to A. Pargetter & Son, Lamb Street, Coventry CV1 4AE. tel: (0203) 223343.

McCANN - (née Myers) on 3rd May 1993, Joan, widow of Dr. J.J. McCann of Pinewood Hospital. Much loved mother of Timothy, Patricia, Sarah, Edmund, John, Mary and grandmother of twelve. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, on Monday May 10th at 2 pm. Flowers may be forwarded to the Church.

MESSER-BENNETTS - On May 1st 1993, John, aged 82 years of St Breock, Wadebridge, Cornwall. Beloved husband of Rosina, much loved father of Peter and Martin. Funeral Service St Breock Church on Monday May 10th 10.45 am. Immediate family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired to the RNLI, Padstow, c/o Lloyds Bank, Wadebridge.

OAKES - On 4th May, suddenly but peacefully at home, Pamela Joy aged 72, dearly loved wife of John Oakes and loving mother of Michael and Susan and grandchildren Amanda, Annabelle, Alexandra and Adam. She will be sadly missed by her family and *many friends.* Funeral Service at Amersham Crematorium on Tuesday May 11th at 2.30 pm.

SPENCER - Antony James on 26th April aged 66. Tragically whilst on holiday in India. Much loved by three generations of his family. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Aidan's, Thorneyburn, Greenhaugh, Monday May 10th at 2.30 pm. No flowers but donations to Mental Health Foundation c/o Major R. Hedley-Dent, Short Flat Towers, Belsay, Newcastle NE20 0HD.

VESTEY - On May 3rd, peacefully, in Paris, after a long illness, Charles, beloved son of Penelope and Roger, and much loved brother of James, and of Michael Richardson. Funeral private in Paris.

WIGGINS - On May 3rd in Torquay, Philip Wiggins, Senior Inspector of Taxes, greatly loved Husband of Norah and Father of Betty and Margaret. Funeral private. No flowers please but donations in his memory gratefully received by the Charity Fund, The Rotary Club of Ashburton/Buckfastleigh, Furzeleigh Mill, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

WRIGHT - Ethel (née Portsmore) MA Oxon (St Hugh's) peacefully at her home Outlook, Towpath, Shepperton, Middlesex, on 5th May. Service St Nicholas Church, Shepperton, 12 noon 12th May. No flowers. Donations please to the Society of St Francis c/o Lodge Brothers, Shepperton, Middlesex. RIP.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

WATTS - Funeral for Sir Roy Watts to be held on Friday 7th May 1993 at 12 noon. Close family only. Flowers to be sent to Reeves and Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HARPER - A Memorial Service for Professor Denis Rawnsley Harper will be held on Wednesday 19th May 1993 at 2.30 pm at St Peter's Chaplaincy, Manchester University, Oxford Road, Manchester.

ROTHERMERE - Mary, Viscountess Rothermere. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on Wednesday 9th June at 12 noon.

SPERLING - A Memorial Service for Rona Grant Sperling will be held at Battersea Parish Church on Wednesday May 19th at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

DIETRICH, Marlene - Remembered with love and gratitude. J and J.

RUSSELL - Frank, 6th May 1980. Adored father and husband, sadly missed never forgotten. Jean, Vickie, Jenny, Mike, Rachel, Lucy, Nicholas and Rory.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR ROBERT SERJEANT

Robert Bertram Serjeant, Professor of Arabic at Cambridge University, 1970-82, died on April 29 aged 78. He was born on March 23, 1915.

"BOB" Serjeant was probably the premier British Arabist of his day. With his emphasis on the value of going to view the actual terrain, he was certainly the most energetic and active. But despite his love of adventure there was a pedantic side to his scholarship, possibly the product of his Scottish background. He was not only born in Edinburgh but went to school and university there, taking first class honours in Semitic Languages. All this he had achieved by the age of 20.

In 1935, armed with a scholarship, he went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, where, under the direction of Professor C. A. Storey, he completed a dissertation on *Materials for a History of Islamic Textiles*, for which he was awarded a doctorate in 1939. Despite the prevailing ethos, he had already decided that Arabic studies could not be pursued solely in the great libraries of Europe but had to be supplemented by extensive fieldwork: for example, in 1935 he had already visited Syria and the outbreak of war found him in Aden.

When Italy entered the conflict and quickly overran the then British Somaliland, there was a distinct possibility that its large and well-equipped army might cross the Red Sea. To prevent this the youthful Serjeant was sent off on a camel with a wireless set and a handful of tribal irregulars. The collapse of the Italian Empire in East Africa perhaps deprived him of the chance of becoming a second Lawrence of Arabia. During those two years, however, he had found the area which was to dominate his interests for the whole of his career.

He returned home to work for the BBC Arabic Service, editing *The Arabic Listener* and other publications in that language, and their success was due in no small measure to the absolute precision of expression upon which he always insisted. He had been appointed a lecturer in the School of Oriental and African Studies and at the end of the war he took up teaching duties there.

In 1947 he was awarded a Colonial Research Fellowship for a year's work in the Wadi *Hadhramawt, an area with a* unique and extremely rich civilisation which had never been studied by academics (although some work had been done by scholar-administrators such as Harold Ingrams). Serjeant had to start from the very beginning, establishing the outlines of its history, compiling lists of manuscripts, studying the folklore and above all talking to the local scholars, many of whom had a great pride in their past.



He came to realise, and this was perhaps his greatest contribution to Arabic studies, how little the customs of the people of the Arabian Peninsula had changed over millennia and that by understanding them one could gain an insight into many of the actions of the Prophet Muhammad and even of his predecessors which was denied to those relying purely upon written sources.

He returned to the School of Oriental and African Studies, being appointed a Reader in 1948. In 1955 a Chair of Modern Arabic was created specially for him: this was particularly appropriate since, almost alone among his contemporary academics, his mastery of the spoken tongue was as great as his knowledge of the classical language and frequently caused astonishment on his visits to the Middle East. He was often invited to speak on TV or lecture in Arabic and his fluency stood him in good stead when in 1963 he paid his first visit to North Yemen, then suffering from Nasserite aggression. He travelled with the Royalist forces, walking hundreds of miles over the mountains and hiding in caves from air attack. His reports, together with those of Lieutenant-Colonel "Billie" McLean, MP, and Wilfred Thesiger, acted as a valuable corrective to the propaganda of the Egyptian press.

In 1964, in order to have more opportunity and a more congenial atmosphere for research, he resigned his Chair in London and returned to Cambridge. He was soon made a Reader and director of the Middle East Centre and, when Professor A. J. Arberry died in office in 1969, there was no doubt that Serjeant was the only possible successor to the Sir Thomas Adams's professorship, the oldest Chair of Arabic in the country.

He published few books but numerous articles of the highest scholarship (which, his friends delighted to point out, normally contained more footnotes than text), started *Arabian Studies*, the first interdisciplinary academic journal devoted to the Peninsula, and was a founding-father of both the Arabian Seminar Society which brought about many successful and congenial meetings of scholars who had previously known each other only on paper, and of the Middle East Libraries Committee which tried to apportion responsibilities for collecting materials among various universities so that everything was covered and wasteful duplication avoided. He also organised the Exhibition of the City of Sanaa, which was one of the most successful features of the world of Islam Festival of 1976. Honours which came his way included the Lawrence of Arabia medal of the Royal Central Asian Society and corresponding membership of the Arab Academy in Cairo.

The particulars of his career cannot give a full picture of the man. He cared very deeply for his students, devoting to them endless trouble and often remarkable patience. He was particularly good with students from overseas, helping them with their personal as well as their academic problems and when later he visited them in their own countries, their affection for him was clear to everyone. A man of great warmth, he was "Bob" to hundreds of people ranging from ambassadors to mercenaries in the Yemen and even some of his research students. Socially he was the most genial and hospitable of men. His good nature engendered a deep dislike of quarrelling and of the intrigue which is often necessary in academic life and this sometimes resulted in his unexpected abandonment of points of principle or in his not giving his juniors the support that they felt entitled to expect.

His marriage to Marion Robertson after his first return from Aden was extremely happy. Her liveliness and irreverence prevented any latent tendency in him to take himself or his work too seriously. A doctor, she often accompanied him to Arabia and many have enjoyed his shudders of pretended horror when she tried to speak the language with cheerful disregard for the niceties of grammar.

They had a son and a daughter.

SIR PATRICK MACRORY

Sir Patrick Macrory, barrister, industrialist, military historian and originator of the Macrory report on local government in Northern Ireland, died on May 3 aged 82. He was born on March 21, 1911.

SIR Patrick Macrory was a businessman of wide interests, who will be remembered both for his adept handling of the commission which reorganised local government in Northern Ireland in 1970, and as a military historian with a special interest in Afghanistan.

The Northern Ireland connection came from a childhood spent in Ulster. Although he later made his career and home in England, Macrory maintained links with the province's affairs through membership of such bodies as the Northern Ireland Development Council in the 1960s, and was a friend of politicians from the Stormont Parliament. He was knighted for services to Northern Ireland in 1972.

In 1969 ministers in Westminster and Stormont, in consultation with James Callaghan, then home secretary, had agreed to lift the whole subject of housing in Ulster out of the hands of local councils and the housing trust. It became clear that a radical review of local bodies in Northern Ireland was called for and a review body was set up to deal with the problem.

Macrory, who was at that time working for Unilever in England, was given leave of absence to chair it. In only five months the Macrory report was produced — a clear and workable set of proposals which called for the transfer of responsibility for many services, including health care and education, from the county borough councils to the Northern Ireland Parliament.

No sooner had the councils been dismantled, however, than Stormont was abolished, under the Heath administration in 1972. This was a great blow to Macrory — Stormont's extended role had been an integral part of his plan — and left what became known in constitutional circles as "The Macrory Gap".

Macrory did not hide his disappointment and remained an outspoken critic on the subject of the Parliament's dissolution. In 1972 he was called to account, with other experts on Northern Ireland, for a special session at the US Congress, and took the opportunity to defend Stormont's record.

In a letter to *The Times* of December 5, 1977, he again argued that his whole policy had been to transfer responsibility for services from one elected body to another: "Elected representatives are sorely needed to play the gadfly and to penetrate that curtain of procrastination and evasion which descends when faceless bureaucrats are left in unfettered control."

Macrory's greatest sense of achievement, however, came not from this nor from his many years in industry, but from his output as best-selling military historian. His books seemed all the more remarkable for being written entirely in the evenings and at weekends. His first, a thriller called *Borderline* (1937), was a Buchanesque adventure story peopled with loosely-disguised members of his own eccentric Ulster family.

He published his second, the military history, *Signal Catastrophe*, in 1966. A strong interest in his Indian Army ancestors led him to write this critically acclaimed account of the disastrous retreat of the British-Indian contingent from Kabul in 1842, and their subsequent massacre by Afghan troops.

Considering the sombre nature of the subject, Macrory reconstructed the lamentable episode with wit and skill, displaying a talent for anecdote, and characterisation and deftly catching the lunacy of an age in which even junior subalterns advanced to war with as many as forty servants each.

Subsequent publications included *Lady Sale's Journal* (1969), *The Siege of Derry* (1980), and reminiscences of his Ulster childhood, *Days That Are Gone* (1983). His last book, *The Ten-Rupee Jezail*, a history of the first Afghan war, 1842, co-authored with George Pottinger, was published only two weeks before his death.

The son of a colonel, Macrory spent an idyllic childhood in Northern Ireland. After preparatory school in Donegal, he won a scholarship to Cheltenham College, and went on to read Greats at Trinity College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar in 1937, but a promising legal career was interrupted by Army service during the second world war.

In 1947 he joined Unilever as assistant secretary, becoming secretary in 1956 and a



director from 1968. From 1971 to 1982 he was a director of Rothman Carreras.

But Macrory had numerous other strings to his bow in the business world — as chairman of the regional development committee on the CBI, director of the Bank of Ireland, and General Treasurer of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. He served on Lord Devlin's Commission of Inquiry into Industrial Representation and also sat on the council of his old school — Cheltenham College — for many years.

Despite his professional achievements he still found time for less conventional pursuits, ranging from ghost hunting to conjuring, amateur theatricals and limerick writing.

He was a close friend of the film-making partners James Ivory and Ismail Merchant, who had approached him in the 1960s about filming one of his books. Ivory, on his first meeting with Macrory was persuaded to play the role of a vampire in a four-minute home movie, and ended the day by having a stake driven through his heart with a croquet mallet.

Merchant was cast as a bloodthirsty Afghan tribesman in another, which also featured the young Felicity Kendal. Merchant and Ivory returned the compliment by appointing Macrory chairman of Merchant Ivory Productions UK and inviting him and his wife to appear as extras in *A Room With A View* in 1986.

Macrory was a born raconteur, whether at home or in his club, the Athenaeum. Nothing could stop him in midflow even, as once happened, when the ceiling fell down around him.

Golf was an abiding love, although his enthusiasm outshone his accuracy on the fairways, and he was flattered to be elected captain of Walton Heath Golf Club.

In 1939 he married Elizabeth Lewis. She survives him, together with their three sons.

MICHAEL GORDON



Jose Ferrer as Cyrano de Bergerac in Gordon's film of 1950

Michael Gordon, American film director, died in Los Angeles on April 29 aged 83. He was born on September 6, 1909.

THE uncharitable view of the directing career of Michael Gordon is that he began with quality and thereafter degenerated into schmaltz. But that is probably too highbrow and academic a verdict on such a chameleon-like organism as Hollywood cinema — as well as being one which overvalues Gordon's earliest and most "serious" essays in directing. Certainly his *Cyrano de Bergerac* of 1950 is a valiant attempt at Rostand's story which holds a place of honour in American screen drama adaptation. But it now looks distinctly "period" and cannot hold a candle to Jean-Paul Rappeneau's ravishingly-shot French version of 1990.

The theory is that the rough handling Gordon had at the hands of the Hollywood blacklist fatally compromised his integrity; that thereafter he simply could not direct a good film. But this is slightly unfair to *Pillow Talk* (1959), whose smash hit success would of itself have earned Gordon a place in the annals of movie-making. In terms of the future of the genre it represented, it was simply the film's misfortune to see its somewhat arch approach to sex soon superseded by the steamier ethos of the Sixties. But greater candour was simply not available to it in the Eisenhower years. If Doris Day's kittenish version of the female condition has outraged militant womankind ever since, it was par for the course in the Hollywood of the time. When danger threatened women screamed; when men approached they melted.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Michael Gordon went to Johns Hopkins University, and afterwards to Yale Drama school. He began his career on the stage and had considerable experience as an actor before graduating to direction. Among the stage plays he did was Arthur Laurents's *Home of the Brave* (1945).

He had already been gravitating towards Hollywood. In 1943 he directed two low-budget movies, *Crime Doctor* and *One Dangerous Night*. But he got his chance to show his mettle with *Another Part of the Forest*, a screen version of a play by Lillian Hellman, dealing with the self-destructive greed of a family in the post-Civil War years. This, like its successor, *Cyrano*, was presented with great care, but could not help revealing the stage upbringing of its director.

Cyrano de Bergerac won an Oscar for best actor for Jose Ferrer in the title role. Its immense critical success was, indeed, a tribute to his massive performance. Once again, in restrospect, it seems a somewhat cramped, stagy version of a subject which lends itself so well to the screen. But it marked Gordon out as one of the most promising of a rising generation of directors who were at home with heavyweight themes.

At this promising juncture Gordon's career fell foul of the blacklisting that took place in the wake of the Hollywood hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Named as a communist (his Yale years had seen him in mildly left-wing company), he was blacklisted and compelled to find work outside Hollywood. Indeed, after recovering from a severe bout of ill-health, he was forced as far afield as Australia where his first work after being blacklisted was *Wherever She Goes*, a version of the early life of the pianist, Eileen Joyce, in 1953.

Returning to America and desperate to rehabilitate himself, Gordon changed his mind about the Hollywood blacklist and gave a certain amount of co-operation to the Un-American Activities Committee (i.e. retailing the same sort of bogus information about third parties, as had been used against himself). The malign climate of the McCarthy years was thawing (McCarthy had been censured by the Senate in 1954) and Gordon was later to say that he felt his action involved no fundamental compromise, as it would have done earlier.

In any event he got his first Hollywood job since *Cyrano* when he was invited to direct the glossy romantic comedy vehicle *Pillow Talk* for Universal/Arwin. It was the biggest hit of 1959, won Oscars for its writers, Stanley Shapiro and Maurice Richlin, and paired Rock Hudson and Doris Day in the first of a series of similar films. Of these Gordon directed a further one, *Move Over Darling* (1963).

He did not do a great deal in films thereafter. *Texas Across the River* (1966), starring Dean Martin and Alain Delon, appeared uncertain whether it was a spoof Western, or the real thing which had had jokes added when its producers realised that the script would hardly stand up as a serious commodity. Gordon made no more films after 1970, retiring into academic life as a professor in residence at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Gordon leaves two daughters and a son.

Valentina Grizodubova

VALENTINA Grizodubova, a Soviet pilot who flew non-stop across the country in 1938, died on April 28 aged 83. She was, in her day, the Soviet Union's answer to Amelia Earhart and Beryl Markham. In 1938 she flew, with her two friends and fellow aviators, Polina Osipenko and Marina Raskova, more than 3,750 miles non-stop from Moscow to Komsomolsk-on-Amur in Siberia.

Soviet citizens listened intently for news of the three "winged sisters", as they became known, on radio bulletins. The flight went reasonably smoothly at first but just under an hour's flying time away from Komsomolsk they ran into a snowstorm and the wings became heavily iced. Grizodubova was piloting and could no longer keep the twin-engined Rodina plane at the necessary height.

The women were saved by the courage of Marina Raskova who parachuted from the plane in order to lighten the load. (She was found alive in dense forest ten days later by a search party.)

The flight set a record for a distance flown by women. Amelia Earhart's 1932 solo flight from Newfoundland to Ireland spanned about two-thirds of the distance.

Grizodubova was a heroine to a generation of Russian women. During the second world war, she commanded an air regiment of the Soviet long-range air forces on operations.

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The years of the Queen's reluctance to appear in public were past. Her popularity was rising and reached a climax with the jubilees of 1887 and 1897.

Yesterday was a busy time along the route of the Royal procession through Epping Forest, and thousands of persons were attracted by the fine weather to see the preparations. Every means of transit to and from the spot will today be severely taxed. In all parts of North London appear announcements of suspended business for the day, and the demand for horses and vehicles of every description is said to be beyond all precedent. A number of wagons, timber trollies, carts, and carriages have already taken up positions on the grass by the roadsides, and stands for spectators are rising in all directions. Everywhere flags and mottoes of welcome are displayed. The triumphal arch already described now bears the conspicuous inscription, "The Forest welcomes the Queen," while one of the side gateways bears a legend as follows: "Was ever such a May-day and ever such a Queen!" The facia of the amphitheatre at High Beech bears in large letters the words, "Welcome, Victoria." Carriages as well as the public on foot will be allowed on the turf surrounding this interesting spot, and it is probable that 10,000 persons will be able to witness the ceremonial of declaring the Forest free. The invitation card, which may be deemed a work of art, has been executed by Messrs Blades, East, and Blades. To the left is a picture representing a glade in the forest, with deer, a pool of water, and oak trees, and Queen Elizabeth's Lodge. Ferns, flowers, birds, and implements of the chase are represented and the border has an edging of rose, shamrock, and thistle.

NEWS

Cypriots reject UK plea for Nadir

■ British attempts to bring back Asil Nadir to face trial were rebuffed by the government of the self-styled Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus as the Serious Fraud Office sought to fend off criticism.

"No words can express the happiness I feel coming back to my people," Mr Nadir said as he prepared to celebrate in the village of Lapta, where he arrived on Tuesday night after jumping bail of £3.5 million ..... Pages 1, 3, 14, 18, 19

Ministers climb down on EC vote

■ A legal fight over ratification of the Maastricht treaty stretching to the House of Lords became a grim prospect for the government last night after it staged a Commons climbdown in an effort to avoid certain defeat over its opt-out from the social chapter ..... Pages 1, 10, 13

Testing chief resigns

The Cambridge don responsible for the English tests that sparked the schools dispute resigned as a government adviser after failing to secure the withdrawal of a paper he considered "inadequate and unfair" ..... Page 1

'Good news' call

The prime minister joined the great BBC news debate on the side of Martyn Lewis, the newscaster urging the reporting of more good news. "People want to be informed, but they want the good news as well," Mr Major told editors ..... Page 2

House prices rise

House prices rose by 1.6 per cent in April, the largest monthly rise for four years, according to the Halifax ..... Pages 2, 27

Imbert evidence

Sir Peter Imbert, former Metropolitan Police commissioner, gave evidence at the Old Bailey in the trial of the three former policemen in the Guildford Four case ..... Page 5

Castle fire hazard

Windsor Castle remains a fire hazard despite safety improvements, the Berkshire county fire officer has reported ..... Page 5

Victims to lose out

Victims of violent crime will receive drastically reduced compensation sums under government proposals for a "tariff" system to be published this summer, lawyers claim ..... Page 7

Police cut red tape

Management consultants are to brought in to help police to cut the paperwork said to be undermining their performance in fighting crime ..... Page 9

Tories face defeat

The Conservative party could lose dozens of council seats tonight and control of several English counties in the first national test of political opinion since the general election ..... Pages 10, 19

Arms enquiry

Government officials suspected that equipment destined for Iraq could have military uses as early as August 1988 but could not prove it, Lord Justice Scott's enquiry was told ..... Page 7

Iraq shuts borders

Iraq ordered a six-day closure of its borders and invalidated all pre-Gulf war 25-dinar notes. The decree left hundreds of travellers stranded on the Jordanian side of the border ..... Page 11

Mandela plea

Nelson Mandela told MPs in London that Britain bore responsibility for sowing the seeds of violence in South Africa, and had a duty to help it achieve democracy ..... Page 13

'Nazi' claim

German soldiers celebrated the renaming of their barracks by singing Nazi-era songs and requesting a contribution from guests towards a "war chest", politicians claim ..... Page 13

Group 4 prisoner is near death

■ A remand prisoner from the private jail run by Group 4 was on a life-support machine last night as enquiries began into how he became unconscious while being taken from court. It is feared that James Hogg, 38, will die within days. He was found unconcious in a Group 4 vehicle after appearing in court in Rotherham on drug charges ..... Page 1



Lip service: a Bosnian Serb soldier kissing his self-proclaimed republic's flag during a military parade in Pale yesterday. The Bosnian Serb parliament is meeting in the town to decide whether to accept the Vance-Owen peace plan. Reports, pages 1, 12

BUSINESS

Boardroom moves: Hongkong Land tightened its grip on Trafalgar House, owner of London's Ritz Hotel and the QE2, by appointing its representatives as chairman and finance director ..... Page 23

Bank bonus: Peter Wood, chief executive of Royal Bank of Scotland's Direct Line insurance subsidiary, is expected to earn more than £10 million after the business he founded increased profits by 262 per cent ..... Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 share index closed down 16.1 at 2,796.5, depressed by a shortage of buyers. Sterling closed down 0.82c at $1.5645 but 0.18 pfennigs higher at DM2.4738 ..... Page 26

SPORT

Olympic Games: How much does the message of "a more open China" convey an impression of a China still partially closed? David Miller assesses the strength and weaknesses of Peking's attempt to stage the 2000 Games ..... Page 39

Football: Graeme Souness, despite saying that he wanted to see out his three-year contract, is expected to lead Liverpool for the final time on Saturday before his association with the club ends ..... Page 44

Cricket: David Boon made 108 as the Australians were bowled out for 262 in the first innings of their three-day match against Worcestershire. Phil Newport took three wickets for 59 ..... Page 44

FEATURES

Biological effects: "What is the correlation between the number of hairs on a fruitfly's bottom and the number of first-class degrees for female undergraduates in Cambridge?" Margot Norman on why girls don't get firsts ..... Page 14

High cost: The Aids campaigns of the past few years have been a monstrous folly in which an estimated £800 million or more has been misdirected ..... Page 15

TRAVEL NEWS

Roaring trade: The first British Lions rugby tour to New Zealand for ten years is expected to provide a massive boost for the country's tourism industry ..... Page 16

ARTS

No change in weather: In *Groundhog Day*, the main new film of the week, Bill Murray plays a television weatherman who wakes up each morning to find it is always February 2. It is the best Hollywood comedy for ages, writes Geoff Brown ..... Page 33

Capital venture: Madame Tussaud's unveils its latest attraction today: a high-tech "ghost-train" ride called The Spirit of London, evoking the city's illustrious and infamous history ..... Page 33

Twins in harmony: Two 16-year-old twins from Devon are to have their opera premiered in an English National Opera project next week ..... Page 35

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Dawn French has signed a £2 million five-year deal with her comedy partner Jennifer Saunders, tying them exclusively to the BBC
Page 5



Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, says that Britain is ready to respond "very quickly" to a UN request to send troops to Bosnia
Pages 1, 12



The Queen, addressing the parliament in Budapest, welcomed Hungary back into the fold of west European nations

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Life with Margaret Thatcher

■ What did Margaret Thatcher say when her speechwriter started working for John Major? Valerie Grove interviews Sir Ronald Millar, who coined the phrase "The lady's not for turning"

Driving a hard bargain

■ Can motorists beat the big insurers? Vaughan Freeman finds out whether shopping around pays

Rock music pulls the plug

■ Encouraged by MTV, the more intrepid rock groups are throwing away their electronic gadgets in favour of good old-fashioned musicianship

TV LISTINGS

An engrossing documentary follows the trial of two Belgian lovers for the murder of the woman's common-law husband. *True Stories* (Channel 4, 9.35pm). Page 43

OPINION

Councils or quangos?

Today's Newbury by-election will cast a shadow over the contests for county council seats held simultaneously. This is as regrettable as it is predictable; for as the biggest overhaul of local administration since 1972 begins, the future of local councils should be a matter at the heart of politics ..... Page 19

Rich man's law

No bail conditions could have absolutely ensured that Asil Nadir would remain in Britain until trial. If the Serious Frauds Office wants to ensure its defendants appear in court, it must find ways of bringing them to justice faster ..... Page 19

Study in nostalgia

The theft of Victoria de los Angeles's jewels was a mean crime; but it brought a vanished glitter to the greyness and violence of modern villainy ..... Page 19

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

If only the Chinese understood what a jewel they have thrown away in Tibet, what a good neighbour and loving friend Tibet can still be to them. For what the Dalai Lama offers is the very gift China most needs ..... Page 18

PETER KEMP

Permanent secretaries are preparing to brief new ministers in the expectation of a reshuffle. But why are ministers not preparing to brief — or reshuffle — their new permanent secretaries? ..... Page 18

ANATOLE KALETSKY

The government must commit itself to an explicit growth target. Some symbolic commitment to the real economy would offer a useful counterbalance to the Treasury's previous obsession with financial variables and prices ..... Page 27

LETTERS

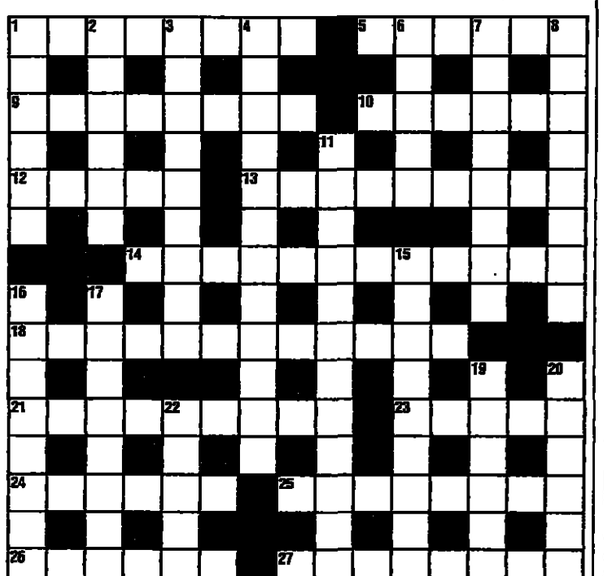
Could camel's milk help to alleviate famine in Africa? ..... Page 19

IN THE PAPERS

Cambodia is no less grave a challenge to UN peacekeeping than Bosnia. The Clinton administration cannot put the question off much longer

— The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,223



ACROSS

1 Shoved under mat — not to be thought of (8).

5 Pauses before mating (6).

9 Turkish power is increasing (8).

10 Miss Spenlow was said to be Copperfield's (6).

12 Gravity about to be demonstrated by this diver (5).

13 Detachment in a form of withdrawal (9).

14 Step taken to get the chairman's job (7-5).

18 At work he is not quite himself (12).

21 Clean up here, using women's wood bowl (4-5).

23 Aggressive investment of capital, perhaps (5).

24 Intractable possibly like Nicholas Nye (6).

25 Engineers on call are meant to rectify defects (8).

26 New stone laid by Royal King (6).

27 Eric at first refusing say to be morally improving (8).

DOWN

1 Release from a foreign prison (6).

2 Caught me in the act and judged (6).

3 Once the PM's seat, but cut off by the Treasury (9).

4 So one is human moving to lordly accommodation (7,5).

6 Monster in some earthy drama (5).

7 Warm wear for town (8).

8 Just a song at twilight (8).

11 Fathom for example the source (8-4).

15 Reserve a place for unmarried ladies and their works (9).

16 Crowning glory of Cockney female aviator (8).

17 Teachers booked for things they did? (8).

19 A sign of twins (6).

20 Silver pin? (3-3).

22 Foreign base (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,222

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Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
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E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
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London & SE traffic, roadworks

C. London (within N & S Circs.)	731
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T	733
M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23	734
M-ways/roads M23-M4	735
M25 London Orbital only	736

National traffic and roadworks

National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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WEATHER

Eastern England and Scotland will stay dull and cloudy with occasional light drizzle in places, particularly the coast. A cloudy start is expected for East Anglia and southeastern England, but it will brighten up during the morning although staying cool on the coasts. A dry day with bright or sunny intervals is expected elsewhere. Outlook: mainly dry in Scotland and Northern Ireland, but more unsettled with showers over England and Wales.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	s	Madrid	20	68	f
Alicante	18	64	s	Majorca	21	70	s
Alex'dria	21	70	c	Malaga	21	70	f
Algiers	15	59	r	Malta	21	70	s
Amst'dm	12	54	s	Melb'rne	14	57	c
Athens	19	66	c	Mexico C*	24	75	s
Bahrain	31	88	f	Miami*	28	82	c
Bangkok	35	95	s	Milan	23	73	s
Barbade*	27	81	f	Montreal*	20	68	c
Barcelna	18	64	s	Moscow	22	72	f
Beirut	19	64	s	Munich	15	59	r
Belgrade	19	66	f	Nairobi	-	-	-
Berlin	13	55	c	Naples	20	68	s
Bermuda*	25	79	s	N Delhi	41	106	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	N York*	14	57	c
Borde'x	22	72	s	Nice	22	72	f
Brussels	14	57	c	Oslo	9	48	c
Budapst	20	68	c	Paris	16	61	s
B Aires*	15	59	s	Peking	21	70	s
Cairo	25	77	f	Perth	22	72	f
Cape Tn	18	64	c	Prague	11	52	s
Chicago*	18	64	c	Reykjavik	6	43	s
Ch'church	13	55	c	Rhodes	19	66	s
Cologne	15	59	f	Rio de J	33	91	s
C'phagn	11	52	s	Riyadh	39	102	s
Corfu	19	66	f	Rome	20	68	s
Dublin	14	57	s	Salzburg	15	59	f
Dubrovnik	20	68	c	S F'risco*	16	61	s
Faro	19	66	c	Santiago*	14	57	s
Florence	25	77	s	S Paulo*	28	79	c
Frankfurt	16	61	f	Seoul	20	68	c
Funchal	19	66	f	Sing'por	28	79	r
Geneva	18	61	f	St'kholm	14	57	s
Gibraltar	18	64	f	Sydney	18	64	s
Helsinki	17	63	s	Tangier	18	64	c
Hong K	29	73	r	Tel Aviv	30	86	c
Innsbruck	18	64	s	Tenerife	19	66	c
Istanbul	14	57	f	Tokyo	19	66	f
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	17	63	r
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Tunis	22	72	f
L Palmas	21	70	c	Valencia	19	66	f
La Tquet	14	57	s	Vanc'ver*	13	55	c
Lisbon	20	68	s	Venice	22	72	s
Locarno	21	70	f	Vienna	11	52	r
London	12	54	f	Warsaw	16	61	s
L Angels*	19	66	c	Wash'ton*	20	68	c
Luxembg	15	59	s	Wel'ton	17	63	f
Luxor	30	86	c	Zurich	11	52	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6pm, 41 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 11.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,027.8 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Leeds, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Strathclyde, 0.25in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly, 13.5hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.3hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.6hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.0	-	13	55	bright
Anglesey	12.3	-	14	57	sunny
Aviemore	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Belfast	0.8	-	13	55	cloudy
Bognor Regis	10.9	-	15	59	sunny
Bournemouth	7.1	-	14	57	bright
Bristol	10.9	-	15	59	sunny
Buxton	8.2	-	12	54	sunny
Cardiff	11.7	-	15	59	sunny
Clacton	10.5	-	12	54	sunny
Colwyn Bay	12.9	-	12	54	sunny
Cromer	12.6	-	12	54	sunny
Eastbourne	12.3	-	13	55	sunny
Edinburgh	3.5	-	14	57	bright
Eskdalemuir	7.0	-	12	54	bright
Falmouth	13.0	-	15	59	sunny
Glasgow	1.6	-	12	54	cloudy
Guernsey	11.1	-	15	59	sunny
Hastings	12.1	-	13	55	sunny
Hunstanton	12.3	-	11	52	sunny
Isle of Man	9.5	-	12	54	sunny
Jersey	12.7	-	15	59	sunny
Kinloss	0.9	-	12	54	cloudy
Leeds	9.6	-	17	63	sunny
Lerwick	9.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Littlehampton	11.1	-	15	59	sunny
Liverpool	13.0	-	13	55	sunny
London	8.8	-	15	59	sunny
Lowestoft	10.7	-	13	55	sunny
Manchester	11.5	-	15	59	sunny
Margate	12.8	-	13	55	sunny
Minehead	13.3	-	15	59	sunny
Morecambe	12.5	-	13	55	sunny
Newcastle	11.1	-	15	59	sunny
Nottingham	10.8	-	13	55	sunny
Penzance	11.7	-	15	59	sunny
Plymouth	8.1	-	15	59	sunny
Salcombe	12.2	-	15	59	sunny
Sandown	10.8	-	14	57	sunny
Saunton Snd	12.6	-	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	11.0	-	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	13.5	-	15	59	sunny
Shanklin	11.0	-	14	57	sunny
Southend	12.1	-	13	55	sunny
Stornoway	-	0.03	12	54	rain
Swanage	8.9	-	13	55	sunny
Teignmouth	10.8	-	13	55	sunny
Tenby	13.4	-	14	57	sunny
Tiree	1.2	0.25	10	50	rain
Torquay	11.9	-	14	57	sunny
Weymouth	6.9	-	13	55	bright
Wick	1.9	0.04	11	52	rain
Worthing	10.1	-	16	61	sunny

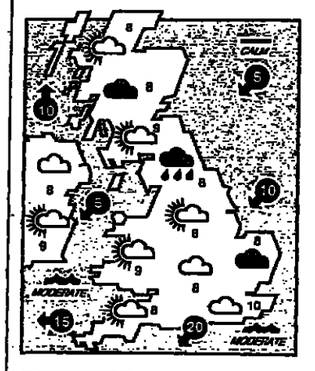
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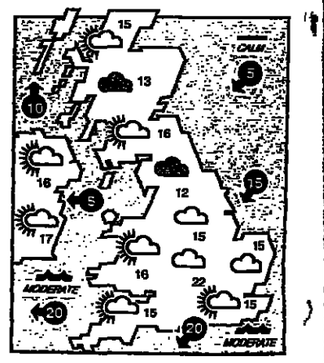
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Australia $	2.34	2.14
Austria Sch	18.45	16.95
Belgium Fr	54.00	49.60
Canada $	02.12	01.96
Denmark Kr	10.10	09.30
Finland Mkk	9.09	8.29
France Fr	8.82	8.12
Germany Dm	2.61	2.41
Greece Dr	351.00	326.00
Hong Kong $	12.71	11.77
Ireland Pt	1.06	.96
Italy Lire	2375.00	2230.00
Japan Yen	180.50	171.50
Netherlands Gld	02.94	02.71
Norway Kr	11.05	10.25
Portugal Esc	240.00	222.00
South Africa Rd	6.05	5.25
Spain Pta	187.00	174.00
Sweden Kr	12.02	11.22
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	15700.00	14700.0
USA $	1.67	1.54

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.32 pm to 5.24 am
Bristol 8.41 pm to 5.33 am
Edinburgh 9.02 pm to 5.18 am
Manchester 8.48 pm to 5.25 am
Penzance 8.49 pm to 5.50 am

Sun rises: 5.24 am
Sun sets: 8.32pm
Moon sets 5.13 am
Moon rises 9.29 pm

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

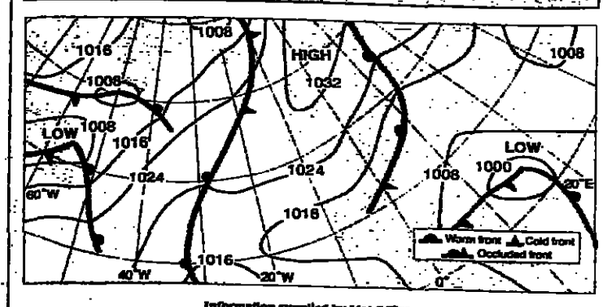
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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Belfast	14	57	c	Guernsey	13	55	s
B'mngham	14	57	s	Inverness	14	57	f
Blackpool	14	57	s	Jersey	14	57	s
Bristol	13	55	s	London	12	54	f
Cardiff	14	57	c	M'nchster	16	61	c
Edinburgh	14	57	s	Newcastle	12	54	c
Glasgow	15	59	f	R'nldsway	12	54	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.24	7.1	2.52	7.2	Liverpool			12.2	9.7
Aberdeen	1.53	4.2	2.12	4.4	Lowestoft	10.15	2.4	10.28	2.6
Avonmouth	8.2	13.3	8.26	13.5	Margate	12.13	4.8	12.54	4.7
Belfast	11.48	3.6			Milford Haven	6.56	7.2	7.19	7.2
Cardiff	7.47	12.3	8.11	12.5	Newquay	5.47	7.2	8.9	7.2
Devonport	6.34	5.8	6.58	5.6	Oban	6.26	4.0	6.48	4.0
Dover	11.44	6.6			Penzance	5.31	5.7	5.53	5.7
Falmouth	6.4	5.4	6.26	5.4	Portland	7.31	2.2	8.0	2.2
Glasgow	1.35	4.6	1.40	4.7	Portsmouth			12.11	4.9
Harwich	12.18	4.0	12.47	4.0	Holyhead	11.58	6.3		
Hull	7.0	7.5	7.15	7.7	Southampton	11.35	4.6	11.54	4.7
Ilfracombe	6.42	9.3	7.4	9.4	Swansea	7.3	9.8	7.24	9.8
King's Lynn	7.16	6.7	7.28	6.9	Tees	4.14	5.5	4.38	5.6
Leith	3.13	5.6	3.39	5.7	W'ton-on-Nze	12.6	4.2	12.39	4.2

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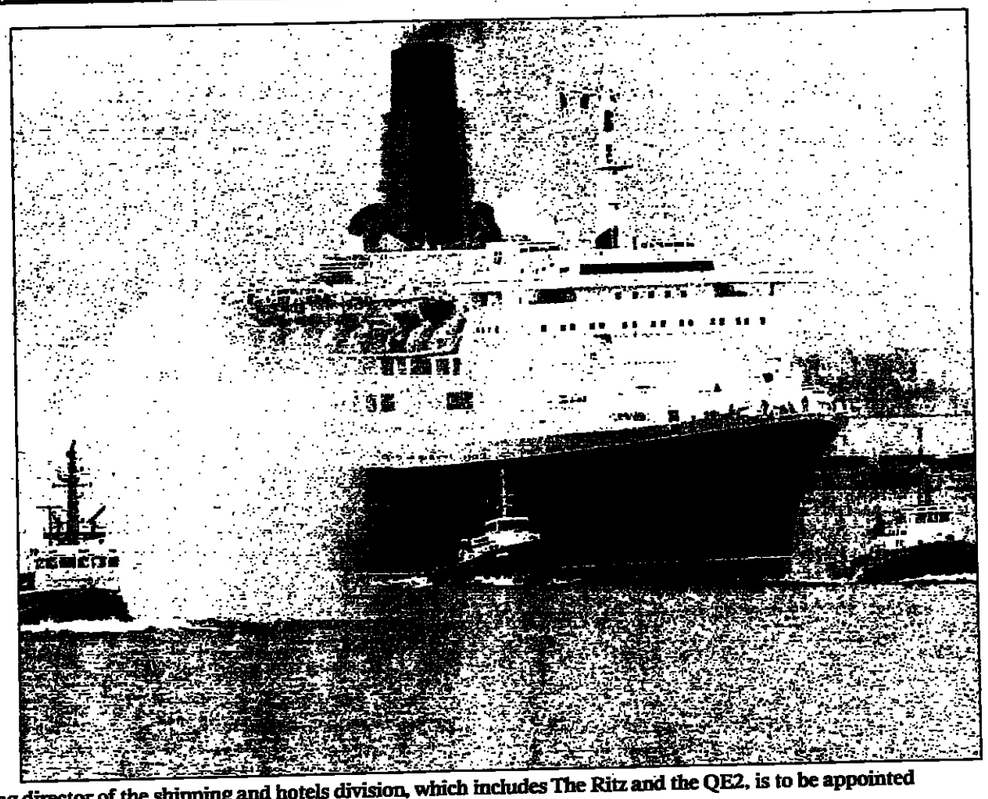
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Sea change: a new managing director of the shipping and hotels division, which includes The Ritz and the QE2, is to be appointed

Shareholders win battle for change at Trafalgar

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

TRAFALGAR House's finance director is to resign and the group's auditors are to stand down at the annual meeting of the QE2, Ritz, engineering and property conglomerate. Simon Keswick, the chairman of Hongkong Land, becomes Trafalgar chairman in the shake-up.

The changes follow a stormy annual meeting in January at which shareholders forced the board to hold a poll over the re-appointment of Touche Ross, the auditor, after an order from the new Financial Reporting Review Panel (FRRP) to knock £100 million off 1991 profits and restate them in the 1992 accounts.

John Ansdell, the outgoing finance director, stands to receive compensation of about £500,000. He is on a three-year service contract and receives a salary of between £150,000 and £170,000 a year. Allan Gormly, who became chief executive last October, said: "I think John has been badly treated by the outside world." The resignation of the auditor was "regrettable", he added.

Dermot McDermott is also leaving the board and is on a similar contract and terms to Mr Ansdell. It is believed that fresh management at Cunard was thought necessary. A new managing director of the shipping and hotels division will be appointed soon.

The new finance director will be David Gawler, currently the chief financial officer of Hongkong Land, the Jardine Matheson owned group that raised its stake to 25 per cent after the £205 million cash call in February. Just after the FRRP struck and Hongkong Land launched a share raid last October, Sir Nigel Broackes, the former chairman, left the board to become honorary president and Sir Eric Parker, former chief executive, became deputy chairman. They received a £1.9 million payoff.

Touche Ross said yesterday: "We consider we have fulfilled our obligations to the shareholders of the company over the last 30 years and that it would not have been appropriate to qualify the 30 September 1991 accounts, we nevertheless believe that the company's auditors should have the full backing of shareholders which we believe we do not now enjoy."



Keswick: new chairman

Trafalgar reported a pre-tax loss of £97.6 million yesterday for the six months to end-March after charging £100 million for property provisions and £20 million for restructuring. The half-year dividend is cut to 1.25p a share, and a total of 3.25p is forecast. Net borrowings fell to £329 million (£353 million) at the September year-end.

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New Treuhand enquiry into EGIT investments

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

FRESH from resolving problems over building sector investments by the London-based East German Investment Trust (EGIT), the German privatisation agency has begun further investigations into problems in EGIT investments in other sectors of the eastern German economy.

The agency, the Treuhand, confirmed yesterday that there had been problems at its Potsdam branch outside Berlin, where many of the EGIT deals were done. The politically sensitive matter is likely to be raised at a meeting of a special parliamentary committee in Bonn next week.

A task force from the Berlin-based Treuhand is scrutinising EGIT's investments in Haushaltsgeräte-Service (HGS), a household appliance company, and RFT radio-television. Both investments, and EGIT's investment in the property and construction firm Märkische Baustoff-Service (MBS), were made through the Potsdam branch of the Treuhand.

Hermann Beck, the head of the Potsdam branch, and his deputy, Dieter Franzen, have been suspended from their duties and papers removed for investigation by the authorities after damaging reports in the German press that claimed Potsdam was the fountain of difficulties for the Treuhand. The Potsdam branch, on the outskirts of Berlin, has also been downgraded.

The problems emerging from Potsdam, including those involving EGIT, the biggest international investor in east Germany, are expected to be before next Wednesday's session of the cross-party Treuhand committee of the Bundestag in Bonn. The economics ministry is alarmed by allegations of improper and illegal transactions in conjunction with some privatisations by the Treuhand.

The ministry is worried that internal revision at Potsdam has shown that documentation is "not quite right". Although Treuhand officials have dismissed most instances of wrongdoing as one-off cases, a Bonn official said such cases had become a "few too many". He said the fear was that the rapid privatisation of eastern Germany, though a political priority, could produce a swathe of bad deals that will only be uncovered later.

Der Spiegel, the German weekly magazine, has delivered fearsome attacks on the Treuhand's activities, focussing this week on the Potsdam office and a number of investments by EGIT. Sources close to Piero Brahms, the Treuhand vice-chairman, said the agency did not consider Potsdam to be a particular source of trouble, as the number of problem cases was few, compared to the tens of thousands of businesses and piece of real estate the Treuhand has privatised since German unification. The further investigation of EGIT investments was intended "to establish clarity, not to throw a bad light on things", the sources said.

The London-listed EGIT, 23 per cent owned by Norwich Union, has a blue-chip board that includes Sir Christopher Tugendhat, the Abbey National chairman. The Stock Exchange yesterday expressed complete satisfaction over the trust's compliance with rules.

Olav zu Ermgassen, the German director of Ermgassen & Co, the discreet Lombard Street-based merchant bank that manages EGIT, said last night that MBS had been a "substantial problem", but said there was no problems at HGS or elsewhere.

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Direct Line chief to top £10m



Wood: UK's highest earner

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S highest paid businessman, Peter Wood, the founder and chief executive of the Direct Line telephone insurance business, is in line to earn more than £10 million this year through a performance-related bonus scheme.

The estimate was made after Direct Line, now part of Royal Bank of Scotland, reported pre-tax profits had surged by 262 per cent to £15 million in the six months to end-March. Mr Wood's pay topped £6 million last year, and is likely to keep growing.

George Mathewson, Royal Bank's chief executive, said it was much too early to say what Mr Wood's pay will be, though the bank has made a "guesstimate" about the likely provision to cover his pay.

Last year, Direct Line's assets were £304.3 million. Today, at the halfway stage, assets are £393.08 million and still growing. Mr Wood, 46, founded the business in 1985 with backing from Royal Bank. He agreed his bonus formula when he sold out to the bank three years later, staying on as chief executive.

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German mark..2.4738 (+0.0018)
Exchange index ..... 80.4 (-0.2)
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STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2796.5 (-16.1)
Dow Jones ...3446.88 (+0.69)*
Nikkei Avge ..... Closed

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank .... 6⅛-5¹⁵⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds ..... 2¹⁵⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.88-2.87%*
Long Bond..... 6.81%*

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$:Ffr	5.3175*	£:Ffr	8.3060
$:Yen	110.21*	£:Yen	172.72
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AM 352.75 ..... PM 354.25
Close 353.80-354.20
New York:
Comex 355.05-355.55*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI..... 139.3 March (1.9%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Anxiety among America's friends



IRWIN STELZER

British policymakers and businessmen see the world very differently from their US counterparts — and not only on the question of Bosnia. That's what I discovered on my recent visit to London. British politicians whom I met start from the assumption that America remains the world's richest and most powerful, the only one capable of keeping the peace and providing the economic locomotive to rescue Europe and Japan from recession.

Americans' declinist whingeing that their country is non-competitive, its manufacturing sector a hollow shell, simply do not sell in London. America is militarily and economically pre-eminent, more than one MP told me, and must be willing to use its power in its own and the world's interest. But circumspectly. Many politicians in Britain feared that America would act rashly in Bosnia. They worry, too, about what they see as President Clinton's vacillation — tough interventionist talk during the campaign, inaction since, punctuated by unpersuasive arguments by Warren Christopher, America's little-regarded secretary of state. Some of this can be put down to historic British condescension towards America's foreign policy establishment. But some of the concern has roots in the new president's apparent inability to develop and stick with a coherent policy, or to take firm control of policy-making and implementing machinery. That is, in part, why David Koresh's self-immolation in Waco, Texas, has been of as much interest in Britain as in America. British politicians say the incident is a direct result of Clinton's inability to staff the second tier of his government with experienced hands.

something they put down to his insistence on applying racial and gender quotas to appointments — a policy regarded with something between bewilderment and contempt by almost every British policymaker with whom I spoke.

On the economic front, America is seen as clearly number one in wealth, dynamism and economic power. So there is little sympathy for Americans who cry for protection from foreign competitors. And there is great worry that the sparks that will fly from friction between America's nascent protectionists and France's older ones will ignite a conflagration: the dreaded trade war. Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, is widely seen as a protectionist bully, with no understanding of the contribution of the multilateral free trading system to post-World War II prosperity.

The French are regarded with equal horror, especially during the run-up to their next presidential election, when the centre-right will want the votes of cosseted French farmers. In the coming trade war, as in the shooting war in Bosnia, there will be no unaffected innocent bystanders: if the Americans raise tariffs aimed at 'mini-vans' to retaliate against Japan, Britain's Range Rover will be caught in the cross-fire, British trade officials worry.

The president is seen as the one man who can rein in Kantor, and tip the balance in favor of treasury secretary Lloyd Bentsen, regarded as the principal free trade advocate in the inner councils of the Administration. But there is a dawning sense that Clinton's heart lies with Kantor, and with managed trade and bilateral market-sharing arrangements. Only the disparity between Clinton's tough talk and his much less severe actions gives free-traders in the City and in Westminster some hope. Indeed, there is a feeling that the president's habit of speaking loudly but carrying a small stick, unfortunate in foreign affairs, may be a good thing on the trade front.

Finally, everyone in London is curious about Hillary Rodham Clinton. Not because she is a woman: a powerful female politician is not an unknown phenomenon in Britain. But unelected spouses do not traditionally tell prime ministers what to do, leaving the British wondering how America could have arrived at such a state of affairs: an unelected woman, not even subject to Senate confirmation, restructuring a health care industry that accounts for 14 per cent of the nation's GDP. Then the British have always been puzzled by aspects of American life, ranging from the ubiquity of fast food restaurants to the paucity of leather-chaired men's clubs.

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Heart of England set to merge with Cheltenham & Gloucester

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

THE Heart of England Building Society, which six weeks ago announced that its merger with the Bank of Edinburgh had fallen through, is now set to merge with the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society.

The merger is being rushed through with the help of the Building Societies Commission, but both parties say it is not a rescue. Mike Travis, chief executive of the Heart of England, said the society only received a formal offer from the C&G on April 27. The members will vote on the proposal at the annual meeting on June 8. The Heart of England had also been in talks with the Woolwich Building Society.

When the Heart of England sought permission from the Building Societies Commission for the takeover by the Bank of Edinburgh, this was not forthcoming. The Commission could not sanction the first takeover of a building society by a public company until the Bank of England gave the new entity a licence. No licence was issued.

The Bank of Edinburgh was formed two years ago with £26 million in capital from about 25 UK and European institutions with the specific purpose of buying and converting a series of small building societies.



Rescue not a reason: Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of the C&G society

The £1 billion Heart of England's profits to end-February fell to £1.6 million because of higher provisions. Its reserve assets ratio is lower than the C&G's but it is still proposed to pay Heart of England's 230,000 savers a 0.25 per cent bonus and give its 30,000 borrowers £100 off the valuation fee when they next take out a C&G mortgage. There are overlaps in 12 places between the 50 branches of the Heart of England and the 213 branch C&G. The smaller society had already been considering cost cutting measures such as branch closures. Its expense asset ratio is £1.62 compared with the C&G's 63p.

The C&G was aggressive in its merger policy in the late eighties, 1990 and 1991. This year, its results were dented by provisions of £210 million, £90 million of which were from loans inherited from the Portsmouth Building Society. Last year, Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of the C&G, said he would not be involved in any more rescues of ailing building societies. It had also merged with the Peckham and Walthamstow building societies. Other mergers could be on the way.

"We're always talking to people," said a spokeswoman, adding that smaller societies had not felt the pressure to merge last year when there was little mortgage business.

Peter Wood, chairman of the Heart of England, who will join the main C&G board, said: "In considering the long-term interests of our members in such a rapidly changing and oversupplied industry, we have come to the conclusion that opportunities will be significantly enhanced by merging with a leading society. Increased competition for business will inevitably lead to reduced margings and continued pressure on profits in the future. In recognising this, we have taken an early decision to secure our members' best long-term interests."

Mr Travis will join a regional board of the C&G.

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Warning softens Geest shares

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

SHARES in Geest, the banana and fresh produce group, plunged 68p to 366p after shareholders were told at the annual meeting that "little profit" was expected in the first half of 1993. Geest, however, believes the problems are short-term and promises to maintain the half-year dividend at 3.7p.

Leonard van Geest, the chairman, said: "During April, it became apparent that the supply of dollar bananas into the European Community ahead of the introduction of the new import regime scheduled for July 1 exceeded demand.

"We have seen an unexpected and rapid fall in banana prices throughout the EC to levels significantly below those achieved in the equivalent periods in 1991 and 1992. Since the end of March, our own dollar banana prices in northern Europe have fallen by 39 per cent."

Mr van Geest also said prices in Britain were expected to soften after the French announcement last week that it would limit imports from the Ivory coast and Cameroons.

Geest says "start up difficulties", notably at its new plant in Costa Rica, continue to affect profitability.

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Earnings per share up 56%
in first quarter

Three months unaudited results to 31 March 1993		
REVENUE	£6,025m	+18%
PRE-TAX PROFIT	£360m	+40%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	13.7p	+56%

- Sir Patrick Sheehy, Chairman, commented: "1993 has started well, with strong underlying growth helped by a positive impact from exchange rate movements."
- Tobacco trading profit slightly lower at £220 million, influenced by a number of short term factors.
- Financial services trading profit up 48 per cent to £169 million; net written premiums 11 per cent higher at £2,304 million.

Shareholders are reminded that the Forms of Election regarding the Enhanced Share Alternative must be received by the Company's Registrars not later than 11 May. The new shares can be sold through BZW, whose fixed price offer you have already received, or through other brokers who may make competing offers.

The full quarterly report is being posted to shareholders and copies are available from the Company Secretary, B.A.T Industries p.l.c. Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0NL.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

RTZ saves £156m with scrip dividend

RTZ, the mining group, will save £156 million this year that would otherwise have been paid in dividends and advance corporation tax on dividends after shareholder approval of its enhanced scrip dividend alternative.

Sir Derek Birkin, the RTZ chairman, told yesterday's annual meeting that metal prices may be bottoming, but recovery to higher price levels will be a slow process. "It seems likely that we shall have to wait at least until 1994 for a really decisive improvement in our operating results," he added.

EC car pact under fire

THE French government, faced with April car sales 11.7 per cent lower than a year earlier, wants the EC's deal with Japan on car imports scrapped. Gérard Longuet, industry minister, asked Martin Bangemann, the EC's industry commissioner, to organise a meeting with Tokyo officials in July. The Association of European Car Makers published figures showing sharp declines in sales; the only country where relative stability was reported was Britain.

LIT Holdings drops

LIT Holdings, the financial services group currently in talks with bankers over a capital reconstruction, incurred pre-tax losses of £1.2 million last year, against profits of £1.3 million in 1991. Losses were struck after an exceptional charge of £1.8 million against doubtful receivables at LIT America, the US futures broking business. Provisions left a loss of 6.8p a share, compared with a 1.4p deficit last time. There is again no dividend.

US setback for BT

British Telecom's US expansion plans received a second setback yesterday when Wall Street Investment bank J P Morgan awarded an $80 million global telecommunications contract to the American long-distance telephone carrier, MCI International. This follows BT's withdrawal from talks aimed at securing a stake in Electronic Data Systems, America's largest computer services company, which is owned by General Motors.

Vichy sale approved

FRANCE'S budget ministry has approved Nestlé's sale of Cie Fermière de l'Etablissement Thermal de Vichy, which has the concession to exploit the Vichy spring, to the Castel group. The sale is to comply with an EC requirement that Nestlé sell some French water brands to win approval for its purchase of Source Perrier. On Tuesday, Nestlé launched a 752 franc per share tender to buy out minorities in Cie Fermière, of which it now owns 52.63 per cent.

National Express offer

NATIONAL Express is proposing to acquire Scottish Citylink Coaches through a £5.1 million offer for the capital of the bus company's owner Saltire Holdings. Holders of 93 per cent in Saltire have accepted the offer. The payment is being satisfied by new National Express shares, loan notes and cash. National Express will also sell Express Travel, its coach operator, and Bruce's Coaches, the coach operating subsidiary of Saltire, for £1.2 million.

Day ends brightly

SIR Graham Day retired as chairman of confectionery and soft drinks group Cadbury Schweppes on an optimistic note yesterday. "Most of our businesses performed strongly in 1992," he told shareholders at the annual meeting. A feature of 1992 had been the strength witnessed towards the year-end, he added. Sir Graham handed over to Dominic Cadbury, a member of the firm's founding family, who moved up from the post of chief executive.

N Brown advances

N BROWN, the Manchester catalogue home shopping group, increased pre-tax profits to £19 million (£15.7 million) in the year-end February. Turnover rose to £171 million (£153 million). Earnings per share were 17.7p (15.1p). A final dividend of 5.05p (4.25p) a share makes a total of 7p (6p) a share for the year. Interest charges fell to £3.3 million (£4.1 million) and the sale of a share stake raised £0.5 million. Shares rose 7p to 365p before slipping to 356p.

Bad Japanese loans

BAD loans held by Japan's leading banks are estimated to total about 13.5 trillion yen (£75 billion), according to a report. The *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* daily newspaper said Japan's 21 big banks will report the loan totals as part of their earnings results for the year to end-March. Sakura Bank is expected to report the biggest amount of bad loans at 1.4 trillion yen, followed by Fuji Bank and Sumitomo Bank with about 1.3 trillion yen each, the newspaper said.

James Beattie slips

PRE-TAX profits at James Beattie, the Wolverhampton department store, have slipped to £6.8 million (£7.7 million). Sales excluding VAT rose 10 per cent to £74.6 million (£67.6 million) but a fall in investment income and interest from £2.5 million to £1.9 million clipped performance. Earnings per share were 9.8p (11.3p). A final dividend of 4.6p (4.35p) a share makes a total of 6p (5.75p) a share for the year. The shares rose 2p to 143p.

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Profits hard to find at East German Investment Trust


In spotlight: EGIT offices in London

BY LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

INVESTORS in the East German Investment Trust, the London-based fund whose investments are being investigated by Treuhand, the privatisation agency, were told at the flotation that the fund would "aim to achieve substantial capital growth from a portfolio spread over a wide range of industries." Since its February 1991 launch its shares have fallen from £1 to 90p. At the launch, two British directors were named in the prospectus. They are Sir Christopher Tugendhat, who is chairman of Abbey National, a former vice-president of the European Commission and a former Conservative MP, and Colin Black, chairman of Scottish Widows and Kleinwort Benson Investment Management, and a former chairman of the Association of Investment Trust Companies. The independent chairman is Dr Rudolf Escherich, and other directors included Dr Olav zu Ermgassen and Christoph Freiherr von Hammerstein-Loxten.

Since the launch, Peter Dicks, who founded Abingworth, the venture capital firm, which entered into a planned voluntary liquidation last year, has joined the board. The five non-executive directors earn £5,000 to £10,000 for their duties and the chairman £10,000 to £15,000, according to the 1992 annual report. Neither Mr Black nor Sir Christopher was available on Monday or yesterday to discuss their duties as directors or on the role of Ermgassen & Co as an investment manager.

The AITC, however, has firm views on what this should be. In its guidelines published as part of its submission to the Cadbury Committee, it said: "The directors of an investment trust ensure that the highest standards of conduct are maintained on behalf of the company and seek full assurances of the managers' stewardship and independent confirmation, where appropriate, from the company's auditors." There should always be a majority of independent directors so that the external management can sack the managers if they are not performing properly. Investors will be able to air concerns at the annual meeting of EGIT on May 17 at its offices at 24 Lombard Street in London. Most of the shares are held by institutional investors with Norwich Union holding 23 per cent of the £50 million fund. It said yesterday that it believed the dispute was " a storm in a teacup". Another substantial investor said the performance of the fund had been disappointing." It is not as rewarding as we would have like. The shares are worth 90p and they were £1. But you have to look at the conditions that have ruled since the fund started in Germany and East Germany and in the light of that it is understandable. The fund is buying up bankrupt companies in a highly charged political situation." The prospectus said the directors would be seeking a high rate of return. They believed that unification would result in "significant economic growth" after an initial period of readjustment.

Under risks the prospectus said that the trust would "seek to purchase the majority of its investments in investee companies from the Treuhand. In attempting to make such investments, EGIT will be in competition with industrial companies and other investment vehicles. Most investee companies in which EGIT may invest will have no relevant financial records, so that the decision to invest cannot be taken on the basis of historical financial information".

Royal Insurance in call for £400m with rights issue

BY NEIL BENNETT

■ The City anticipates Royal Insurance profits of about £150 million this year, the first profits since 1989, after a fall in mortgage indemnity losses to £90 million

ROYAL Insurance is asking its shareholders to support a £404 million rights issue after returning to profit for the first time in more than three years.

The cash will be used to replace some of the £679 million the group has lost since 1990, losses caused by mortgage indemnity policies and a succession of natural disasters. During that time, the group's net worth has plummeted by £1.2 billion, to £1.48 billion.

The funds from the rights issue will be injected into Royal's general insurance subsidiary to boost its solvency margin and to enable it to write additional business. The rights issue is a one-for-three offer at 255p, compared with yesterday's market price of 308p. The issue has been underwritten by Lazard Brothers and Barings.

Following the sharp rise in premiums in Britain and America, Royal urgently needed to boost its reserves with fresh capital. Otherwise, it might have been forced to turn away business.

Along with the rights issue, Royal announced a pre-tax profit of £2 million in the first quarter, compared with a £48 million loss a year ago. This is the first profit since 1989, when the group made £126 million.

The turnround was achieved as losses on the mortgage indemnity business almost halved to £26 million, and the group forecast that its indemnity losses for the year would fall to £90 million, down from £160 million in 1992. Royal's American operations, however, slipped from a £6 million profit to a £10 million loss, owing to heavy losses from storms during the winter. Losses also worsened in reinsurance, from £6 million to £15 million. The group earned £906 million in premiums during the quarter, up 7 per cent on a year ago.

Richard Gamble, chief executive, said the turnround was not necessarily a reliable indicator for the whole year, since profits could be hit by future natural disasters. The City, however, expects the group to produce profits of up to £150 million. The cash from the rights issue will also enhance earnings.

Royal forecast that it would pay a 6.5p dividend this year, compared with 5p in 1992. This helped to dampen criticism of the rights issue, which caught the City by surprise. Most commentators believed Royal would wait for another year before raising funds, so that it could show a respectable profit record.

Mr Gamble said he hoped shareholders would back the rights issue in view of changes carried out in the past two years. Management has been reorganised and underwriting and claims systems have been strengthened.

Royal's rights issue follows a similar fund-raising by Commercial Union in February, and brings the total raised by the industry to almost £1.5 billion in the past year, to cover past losses and to make possible exploitation of future opportunities.

The rights money will increase the solvency margin of Royal's general subsidiary by 11 percentage points, to 54 per cent. This will enable the group to increase its premium income, which is rising anyway as household and motor premiums go up. The group pledged that none of the cash would be used to repay borrowings. These were £491 million at the end of March, down from a peak of more than £750 million in 1991.

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Higher dividend: Tate & Lyle chairman Neil Shaw, with finance director Paul Lewis yesterday

Sweet departure from Tate & Lyle

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

STEPHEN Brown, who quit as chief executive of Tate & Lyle, the sugar and sweeteners group, in early March after little more than a year, is enjoying a near £1 million payoff, taken out of the group's interim profits.

Mr Brown was on a three-year rolling contract, at a salary of £325,000. He is to be paid in full, as Tate has failed to negotiate any reduction on these basic terms. In addition, he can continue, for six months after his resignation, to live in his £900,000 London house that the company helped buy.

Mr Brown left abruptly amid suggestions that he had failed to work well with Neil Shaw, the chairman, who has, as a result, reverted to an executive role. Mr Shaw said yesterday that no single chief executive would be appointed, at least until he reaches the normal retirement age of 65 in three years' time.

Instead there would effectively be four chief executives, each running their own area of operations, Mr Shaw said.

The pound's devaluation on currency markets helped Tate's pre-tax profits move ahead from £89.7 million to £107.6 million in the six months to March 27. The interim dividend is raised from 4p to 4.3p.

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Official reserves begin to recover

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN built up its official reserves last month after a sharp fall in March as the Bank of England made its final repayments to European central banks involved in the failed defence of sterling in autumn last year.

However, the rise in reserves was not as large as analysts had expected and the Treasury's foreign currency borrowings remain much higher than they would have been without the sterling crisis.

Underlying reserves rose by $62 million in April compared with the $1.74 billion drop in March. Actual reserves stood at $41.66 billion last month compared with $40.90 billion in March and $44.45 billion last August before the fight to keep sterling in the exchange-rate mechanism.

Although the Bank of England has repaid the credits borrowed from other European central banks for that, the Treasury still has high foreign currency borrowings outstanding. Its short- and medium-term foreign borrowings amounted to $15.75 billion in August and jumped to $37.68 billion in September.

Official figures show that this class of borrowing had fallen back to $29.49 billion at the end of last year, still nearly double the level of foreign currency borrowing before the sterling crisis. Much of this debt does not have to be repaid for three to ten years.

BAT boosted by premiums rise

BY CARL MORTISHED

A SHARP rise in insurance premiums has boosted first quarter pre-tax profits at BAT, the tobacco and financial services group, from £258 million to £360 million.

Strong performing financial services increased operating profits by 48 per cent to £169 million, offsetting the downturn in tobacco, whose contribution slipped from £227 million to £220 million in the three months to March 31.

The fall in sterling added £46 million to the results and earnings per share for the quarter were up 56 per cent to 13.7p.

Martin Broughton, chief executive, said lower tobacco profits were due to poor results in Germany — volumes were down after a December price rise, there was competition from cheap east European imports and more consumption of do-it-yourself tobacco rolls. A $10 million provision for relocating research facilities and lower anticipatory buying affected the US tobacco result.

Mr Broughton said Brown & Williamson, BAT's US tobacco subsidiary, would use tactical discounts of its Viceroy brand to counter the price-cutting challenge from Philip Morris, which announced in March that it would cut 40 cents off the cost of a packet of Marlboro.

The Clinton administration is expected to impose a rise in Federal Excise Tax on the tobacco market from 24 cents to $1, said Mr Broughton. The US tobacco business represents 20 per cent of BAT's worldwide trading profit of £386 million and B&W's products are aimed at the discount end of the market.

Recovery at Eagle Star brought in a £10 million profit on continuing businesses compared with a loss of £36 million in the first three months of 1992. However, BAT continues to provide for losses on mortgage indemnity insurance with a £29 million provision this quarter and the company expects provisioning to continue at these levels during the coming year.

Premium income rose 11 per cent to £2,304 million, profits from life companies increased 7 per cent to £76 million and general business profit rose to £93 million compared to £43 million in the same period in 1992.

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Insurance helps Royal to £91m

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL Bank of Scotland's Direct Line insurance arm will be the biggest motor insurer in the country by the autumn, the bank said yesterday.

Direct Line increased its pre-tax profits by 262 per cent to £15 million in the six months to the end of March.

Direct Line wrote 290,000 new motor policies in the first half, an increase of 132 per cent. Peter Wood, Direct Line's founder and chief executive, said the company will have one million customers later this month and expects to become market leader with 1.3 million customers by September or October.

Direct Line also offers household insurance and plans to increase activity in this area over the next two years. It also plans to expand its activities into personal loans. George Mathewson, the bank's chief executive, said insurance is likely to contribute substantially more than 20 per cent of the bank's profits by 1995.

Royal Bank raised pre-tax profits from £48 million to £91.6 million, exceeding analysts' expectations. The interim dividend rises 7 per cent to 3p. Provisions for bad debts rose from £163 million to £183 million, but improved from the £237.8 million in the second half of the previous year. Much of the problem was in loans to personal and small business customers.

Royal's branch banking division reported profits down from £8.4 million to £6 million. Bad debt provisions were £134 million, though Kenneth Thompson, finance director, said all but one provision were for loans of less than £1 million. The exception was for £5 million and is believed to be for Royal Bank's exposure to Lilley, the collapsed Scottish builder.

Royal Bank's Columbus project that started last year with the aim of reducing costs is already showing benefits, estimated at £5 million in the half year.

The project is reshaping the branch banking network and will mean a reduction in staffing levels of 3,500 by 1997. In the half year, staff numbers in UK commercial banking fell by 1,270.

The bank's corporate and institutional banking division increased pre-tax profits by 39 per cent to £57.1 million.

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Share shops proliferate for BT sale



BY SARA MCCONNELL

MORE than 150 stockbrokers, banks and building societies with a total of 10,000 outlets will act as share shops for the forthcoming government sale of another tranche of British Telecom shares.

S G Warburg, the merchant bank that is acting as adviser to the government for the sale, said it had rejected an additional 30 firms. Most of these were not allowed by their regulator to handle clients' money and would not be able to apply for shares in the issue on BT's behalf, as the government intends.

The chosen share shops will be able to start marketing their services when the advertising campaign starts on May 24. The shares will go on sale in mid-July. No announcement has yet been made on the number of shares to be sold or their price.

The share shop network first set up for the second sale of BT shares in 1991 has been vastly expanded. Only eight institutions, mostly high street banks, were nominated by the Treasury to act then and most declared the experiment only a limited success in fostering share ownership. The government's hope is that people will start to hold onto their shares and invest in other stocks, encouraged by the cheap dealing charges offered by their share shop.

Share shops will handle much more of the administration for the forthcoming issue, as members of the public apply through them rather than through the central Share Information Office.

Share shops will send their own application form to those who register with them. They will have the authority to apply on applicants' behalf, and will submit bulk applications with a single cheque. Firms acting as share shops will get a selling commission of 1.1 per cent on the first £8,000 of shares allocated at the fully paid price and 0.5 per cent on the next £22,000. As in the past, investors may also register with the share information officeby post or by calling a central telephone number.

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Colt gets London telecoms licence

City of London Telecommunications (Colt) has been granted a licence to offer telephone services, in competition with BT and Mercury, to business customers within London's M25 motorway ring. Colt is 90 per cent owned by Fidelity Investments of the US.

Three other companies were granted specialist telecommunications licences by the industry department, bringing to 18 the number of operator licences granted since the BT and Mercury duopoly ended in 1991.

RPC to float

RPC, which makes plastic containers, published a pathfinder prospectus ahead of its stock market flotation this month. The company was bought out of Reed Packaging by its managers two years ago. Operating profits were £6.95 million in the year to March 31.

Trade initiative

Sweden, as current chairman of the European Free Trade Association (Efta), plans to launch an initiative, at the EC summit in June, for a free trade pact between the EC, Efta and the countries of eastern and central Europe.

Harmony buys

Harmony Leisure, the restaurants, pubs and hotel management group, is buying two property companies for £643,000. It is funding the acquisitions through an issue of 12.86 million shares.

E&A Holdings

Estates & Agency Holdings is not (contrary to an inference in a report on May 1) in discussion with its banker, and is not reliant on the bank's continuing support.

STOCK MARKET

Political uncertainty and cash call fears keep buyers on the sidelines

SHARE prices dipped back below the 2,800 mark again as political uncertainties about Maastricht and the outcome of the Newbury by-election kept investors at bay.

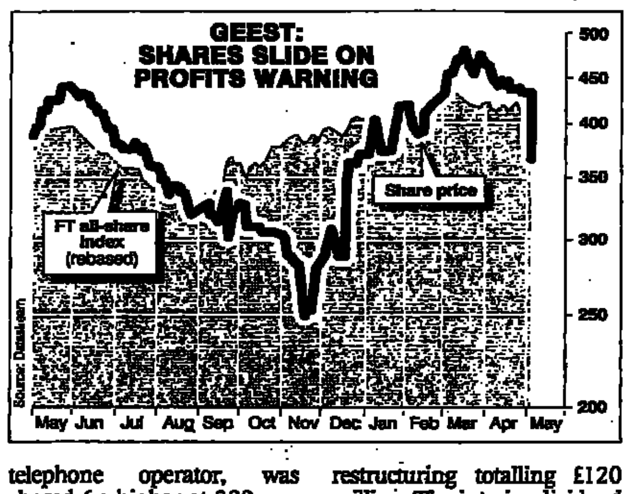
The FT-SE 100 index was dragged lower first thing by futures-related selling. Down more than 26 points around mid-morning, it managed to close above its worst with a deficit of 16.1 points at 2,796.5 helped by a firmer start to trading on Wall Street.

But short-term prospects for the equity market now appear dull, at best, with the big fund managers reluctant to commit themselves as further calls for their available cash intensify each day.

Next week the Bank of England is expected to announce details of yet another gilts auction. Traders are still trying to digest the remnants of last month's issue, totalling £3 billion and institutions are now becoming cautious about continuing to throw money into what is fast becoming a black hole.

In addition, the government is gearing up for the forthcoming sale of BT3, while ICI will soon be calling on the City for an extra £1.3 billion as part of its **Zeneca** demerger. News of the £404 million rights issue by **Royal Insurance** also dismayed fund managers and is certain to have alerted them to the fact that other companies will soon be calling for extra funds.

Oils put in a late spurt, taking their cue from a solid performance by the sector in New York. Selective support lifted **BP** 2p to 296p, **Shell**, 6p to 562p, and **Exploration Company of Louisiana**, 2p to 65p. **Vodafone**, the mobile telephone operator, was chased 6p higher at 380p on news that March had been the best month for new connections to the network since May 1990, with a gross 35,083 new users recorded. First-half



Heavy turnover in shares of Lucas Industries has helped revive talk of a takeover. The price rose 4p to 140p with 6.2 million shares traded. Several agency cross deals were reported, including 1.3 million at 136¼p and 2 million at 137p. Dealers reported demand for call activity on the traded options markets.

figures from **Trafalgar House** were every bit as bad as feared, although the shares responded with a rise of 3p to 95p, while the 'A' rose a similar amount to 94p. The group plunged into the red, with pretax losses of £98 million compared with a profit of £54 million. The figure was struck after exceptional losses relating to property write-offs and restructuring totalling £120 million. The interim dividend has been cut, but the group says it is encouraged by signs of recovery.

Hong Kong Land has tightened its grip on Trafalgar by arranging a large-scale boardroom shake-up. This includes the appointment of its own man, Simon Keswick, as chairman. Alan Clements, the current chairman, becomes deputy chairman.

Shares of **Geest**, the banana importer, touched 328p before ending the session 68p lower at 366p after issuing a profits warning at the annual general meeting.

Leonard van Geest, the chairman, told shareholders that the new banana plantation in Costa Rica was still causing problems and would affect profitability. The first quarter had started well, but the supply of dollar bananas to Europe, before the introduction of new quotas, had exceeded demand, and resulted in a rapid fall in prices of almost 40 per cent. A further deterioraration is expected during May and June following the French government's decision to limit imports from certain countries.

First-quarter figures from **BAT Industries** made impressive reading, but the shares slumped 28p to 845p after the group warned it was already feeling the ill-effects of the cigarette price war in the US. BAT said it would be making selective price cuts on some of its brands. This left rival **Rothmans International B** 9p lower at 614p.

The benefit of exchange rate fluctuations and improved performances from its financial services division helped lift pre-tax profits at BAT from £258 million to £360 million

Royal Bank of Scotland cheered the market with better than expected figures as pretax profits more than doubled to £91.6 million. Lord Younger, the chairman, said he was confident of further progress in the second half. The shares firmed 1p to 268p.

Bank of Scotland, reporting later this week, eased 1p to 138p. The group is expected to see pre-tax profits fall by almost 20 per cent to about £115 million.

Brokers say there will have to be write-offs because of the resheduling of debt at **Isosceles**, the Gateway supermarkets group.

Redland, the building products group, shone with an 18p rise to 468p as almost 3 million shares changed hands. Buying was prompted by Kleinwort Benson, the broker, recommending Redland to its clients. The group has been partially cushioned from recession by its German operations.

Royal Insurance fell 9p to 306p after announcing details of a one-for-three rights issue at 255p. The money will be used to develop existing business and write new business. First quarter figures revealed pre-tax profits of £2 million compared with a loss of £48 million.

News of the fund-raising excercise caught the rest of the insurers on the hop, with **General Accident** falling 6p to 554p, **Commercial Union**, 11p to 576p, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 8p to 178p, and **Sun Alliance**, 7p to 325p. There have now been two rights issues among the composites and it begs the question who will be next.

Tate & Lyle fell 9p to 396p despite turning in first half figures much in line with expectations, showing pre-tax profits up from £89.7 million to £107.6 million.

Current takeover favourite **United Biscuits**, the McVitie and Crawford's food group, continued to hold up well, despite recent strong gains, ending 1p lower at 420p. There has been persistent talk that **Cadbury Schweppes** wants to make an offer for the company. But Sir Graham Day, Cadbury chairman, was giving nothing away at the annual general meeting yesterday. He told shareholders that the strength seen towards the end of 1992 had continued into this year. The group enjoyed Easter and is seeing increased volume growth in beverages, chocolate and sugar confectionery.

MICHAEL CLARK

WORLD MARKETS

US blue chips lack firm leadership

New York — US shares traded in a narrow range at midday in a leaderless market before publication of key economic data. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 4.29 points at 3,450.48. The prospect of US military action in Bosnia and data which has given mixed signals on the economy, led to hesitation and caution among investors, traders said.

Gerald Simmons, head of institutional trading at Interstate/Johnson Lane, said: "There is a lack of substantial leadership." Gaining issues led declining shares ten to seven.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares retained small gains at the close after an afternoon rebound from morning losses. The Hang Seng index finished 2.04 points up at 6,829.33, off a high of 6,856.46. Amid caution before the third round of Sino-British talks, due on May 21, institutional bargain hunters marginally won the tussle with profit-takers, who sold in the morning on Chinese criticism of Governor Patten's US visit, brokers said.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares bounced off lows to end firmer. The Straits Times Industrial index closed up 3.56 points at 1,780.20.

☐ **Sydney** — The All Ordinaries index closed up 10.4 points at 1,674.7.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index finished 4.21 lower at 1,623.16.

☐ **Tokyo** — Closed for holiday. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	May 5 midday	May 4 close
AMP Inc	61¼	61¼
AMR Corp	67¼	68
Abbott Labs	27¼	27¼
Aetna Life	53¾	53
Ahmanson (HF)	17¼	18¼
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	44¼
Albertson's	55¼	55¼
Alcan Aluminum	18¼	18¼
Alco Standard	47¼	47¼
Allied Signal	64¾	64¼
Alum Co of Am	64¼	64¾
Amax	16¼	16¼
Amerada Hess	54¼	54¾
Amer Brands	31¾	31¼
Amer Cyanamid	53¾	53¾
Amer El Power	36¼	36¼
Amer Express	28	28¼
Amer Genl Corp	29	29¼
Amer Home Pr	68	68
Amer Intl	130¾	129¼
Amer Stores	42	41½
Amer T & T	56½	56¾
Ameritech	75	76
Amoco	54¾	55
Anheuser-Busch	48¾	48¾
Apple Computer	54¼	53¾
Archer Daniels	24½	24¼
Arkla	10	10
Armco	7	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	32¾	32¾
Asarco	19¾	19¼
Ashland Oil	25¾	25¾
Atl Richfield	125¾	125¼
Auto Data Pro	49¾	49¼
Avery Dennison	30¼	30¼
Avon Products	55¾	55¼
Baker Hughes	28¾	28¾
Baltim Gas & El	25¾	25¼
Banc One	57¾	58¾
BankAmerica	47¾	46¾
Bank of NY	54¼	54½
Bankers Tr NY	73	72¾
Barnett Banks	44¼	44¼
Bausch & Lomb	52½	52¼
Baxter Intl	29¾	28¾
Becton Dickinsn	35¾	34¼
Bell Atlantic	51½	51¼
BellSouth	51¼	52¼
Black & Decker	19	19
Block (H&R)	35¾	34½
Boeing	38¾	38¾
Boise Cascade	26½	26
Borden Inc	23¼	23¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	60¾	61¼
Browning Ferris	26¾	26½
Burlington Nthn	55¾	55¾
CBS	234¾	231¼
CNA Financial	96½	96¾
CPC Intl	43¾	43¼
CSX	72½	72¾
Campbell Soup	39¼	38¾
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾
Cptl Cities ABC	529	527¼
Cptl Holdings	40¼	40¼
Carolina Pwr	33½	33¼
Caterpillar	68¾	68¼
Central & SW	32¼	32¾
Champion Intl	33¾	33¾
Chase Manhat	31¼	30¾
Chemical Bk	40¾	39¾
Chevron Corp	86	86¾
Chrysler	42¼	41¼
Chubb Corp	89¾	89¾
Cigna Corp	62½	62¾
Citicorp	28¾	28¾
Clorox	48¾	49¾
Coastal Corp	26½	27¼
Coca Cola	39¾	39¼
Colgate-Palmolive	60¾	60¼
Columbia Gas	22	21¼
Commonw Ed	28	28
Compaq Comp	50¼	50¼
Comp Ass Intl	25¾	24¾
Conagra	25¼	24¾
Cons Edison	35¾	36
Cons Nat Gas	52	51¼
Cons Rail	52¾	52¾
Cooper Inds	45¾	46¾
Corning Inc	35¾	35¾
Crown Cork	37¾	37¼
Dana Corp	49¼	49¾
Dayton Hudson	69¾	71
Deere	59¾	59¾
Delta Air Lines	58¾	59¾
Deluxe Corp	44¼	44¾
Detroit Edison	35¾	35¼
Digital Equip	46¾	44¾
Dillard Dept St	38¼	38¾
Disney (Walt)	39¾	40¼
Dominion Res	44¼	44
Donelley (RR)	27¼	27½
Dover Corp	47¼	47¼
Dow Chemicals	54¾	55¼
Dow Jones	31¼	31¼
Dresser	20¾	20¾
Duke Power	39¾	39½
Dun & Brdstreet	58¾	58¾
Du Pont	52¾	52
Eastman Kodak	49¾	50
Eaton Corp	88¾	89¾

	May 5 midday	May 4 close
Emerson Elec	57¾	57¾
Engelhard Corp	33¾	33¼
Enron Corp	59¾	58¾
Ensergy Corp	35¾	35¾
Ethyl Corp	28¾	28¾
Exxon	65	65¼
FMC Corp	43¾	43¼
FPL Group	38	38
Federal Express	49¼	48¼
Fed Nat Mtge	79¾	80¼
First Chicago	39¾	39¾
First Interstate	57¼	56¾
First Union Rlty	11¼	11¼
Fleet Finl Grp	31¼	31¼
Fluor Corp	39¼	39¾
Ford Motor	55¼	56¼
GTE Corp	35¾	36
Gannett	53	53¼
Gap Inc Del	30¼	29¼
Gen Cinema	35¾	35¾
Gen Dynamics	95¾	95¼
Gen Electric	89¼	89¾
Gen Mills	67¼	66¼
Gen Motors	41¼	41¼
Gen Reinsurance	117¾	115
Gen Signal	63¼	63¼
Genuine Parts	36	35¾
Georgia Pac	65¾	66¼
Gillette	53¾	53¾
Glaxo ADR	18¼	18¾
Goodrich (BF)	46¼	45½
Goodyear Tire	38	76¾
Grace (W&R)	39¼	39¼
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28¾	28¼
Great Wstn Fin	17¼	17¾
Halliburton	39¾	40
Heinz (HJ)	37¼	37¾
Hercules	74¼	74¼
Hershey Foods	51¼	51¼
Hewlett Packard	76	75¾
Hilton Hotels	44¼	44½
Home Depot	43¼	42¼
Homestake	19¼	15¾
Honeywell	34¼	34¼
Household Intl	70¾	70¾
Houston Inds	47	46¾
Humana	9	8¾
ITT Corp	82¼	80¾
Illinois Tool	72	72¾
INCO	22¼	22¾
Ingersoll Rand	32¼	32¾
Inland Steel	23½	23¼
Intel Corp	101¼	101¼
IBM	49¾	49¼
Intl Flav & Fr	114¾	114¾
Intl Paper	66½	66½
James River Va	20¾	20¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44¼	43¼
K Mart	22¾	22¾
Kellogg	60	58¾
Kerr-McGee	52¼	53
Kimberly-Clark	49¾	49
Knight-Ridder	56¾	57½
Lilly (Eli)	50¾	50¾
Limited Inc	21¼	21¼
LIN Brdcstng	88¾	89¼
Lincoln Nat	78¾	78¾
Liton	60	60¾
Liz Claiborne	35¼	35¾
Lockheed Corp	63¾	63¾
Louisiana Pac	68¾	70¾
MCI Commun	48	47¾
Marriott	24½	24¾
Marsh & McLen	90	89½
Masco Corp	32¾	32
May Dept St	72¼	72
Maytag Corp	13¾	13¼
McCaw Cellular	40	40¼
McDonalds	49¼	49¾
McDonnell D	63¾	62¾
McGraw Hill	60¼	60¾
Mead Corp	45¾	45¾
Medtronic	67	69
Mellon Bk	57¾	57¾
Melville Corp	46¾	45¾
Merck Inc	38¼	38¾
Merrill Lynch	71¼	71¼
Minnesota Mine	113¾	113¼
Mobil Corp	70¾	70½
Monsanto	53¾	54
Morgan (JP)	68¾	69
Motorola Inc	75	75¼
Natl Medical	7¼	7¾
Natl Semi	14¼	13½
Natl Service Ind	26¾	26¾
Navistar Intl	2½	2¾
NBD Bancorp	32	32
NY Times A	28¾	28¾
Newmont Mng	48¼	48¾
Niag Mohawk	22¼	22¾
Nike B	69¾	69¼
NL Industries	4¼	4¾
Nordstrom	29¼	29½
Norfolk Sthrn	61¼	61¼
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	46
Norwest Corp	52¼	51¼
Nynex Corp	83¾	84
Occidental Pet	22¼	22¾
Ohio Edison	24¼	24¼
Oracle Systems	38¾	38¼

	May 5 midday	May 4 close
Oryx Energy Co	22¾	23
Owens Corning	39	39
PNC Financial	32¼	32
PPG Industries	73	72¼
Paccar Inc	59¾	61
Pacificorp	17¼	18
Pac Enterprises	23¼	23¾
Pac Gas & Elect	33	32¾
Pac Telesis	45¾	45¼
Pall Corp	19	18¾
Panhandle East	21¼	21¾
Paramnt Comm	51¾	51¼
Parker Hannifin	30¼	29¾
Penney (JC)	42¼	42¼
Pennzoil	63¾	63¾
Pepsico	37¼	37
Pfizer	69¾	69¼
Phelps Dodge	45¾	44¼
Philadel Elec	29¾	29¼
Philip Morris	47¾	47½
Phillips Pet	29¼	29¾
Pitney Bowes	42¾	41½
Polaroid	33¾	33¾
Price Co	30¼	30¾
Primerica	45¾	45¾
Procter & Gmbl	49½	49¾
Pub Serv E & G	34	34
Quaker Oats	67	65
Ralston Purina	48¼	47¾
Raychem Corp	41	40¾
Raytheon	57¾	57¾
Reebok Intl	37¾	37¾
Reynolds Metals	42¾	42¾
Roadway Srvcs	57¼	58¾
Rockwell Intl	33¾	33¾
Rohm & Haas	54¾	55
Royal Dutch	90	89¾
Rubbermaid	31¼	31¼
Safeco Corp	57¾	57¼
St Paul's Cos	80¾	80¼
Salomon Inc	35¼	36
Santa Fe S Pac	16¾	16¾
Sara Lee Corp	26¼	25¾
Scecorp	48¾	48¼
Schering Plough	66¾	66¾
Schlumberger	64¾	64¾
Scott Paper	35¾	35¾
Seagram	29¾	29¾
Sears Roebuck	53¾	53¾
Shell Trans	53¾	53¾
Sherwin Wilms	31¾	31¾
Skyline Corp	19¾	19½
Snap-On-Tools	35¾	36½
Southern Co	42¾	42¼
Stlwestern Bell	77¾	77¾
Sprint Corp	31¼	31
Stanley Works	46¼	46¾
Sun Company	25¾	25¾
Suntrust	49¼	45½
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	19¾	19¼
Sysco Corp	25½	25½
TRW Inc	63¾	64¼
Tandem Comp	11¼	11¼
Tandy Corp	29¾	30
Telecom Corp	2¾	2¾
Teledyne	19¾	19
Temple Inland	45¼	45¼
Tenneco	47¼	46¾
Texaco	63¼	63¼
Texas Inst	61¼	60¼
Texas Utilities	47¼	47
Textron	47¼	48¾
Time Warner	34½	36¾
Times-Mirror	31¼	31¼
Timken	31	31¼
Torchmark	55½	55
Toys R Us	36¾	36
Transamerica	49¾	48¼
Travelers Corp	28¾	28¾
Tribune	55½	55¾
Tyco Labs	42¼	43¾
UAL Corp	133¼	136¼
UST Inc	29¾	29¼
USX Marathon	19¾	19½
Unilever NV	113¼	114¾
Union Camp	44¼	45
Union Carbide	19¾	19
Union Pacific	62½	62¾
Unisys Corp	11¼	11¼
USAIR Group	21¼	21¼
USF&G Corp	17¾	17
US Life	38	38
US West	42¼	42¾
United Tech	49¾	48¾
Unocal Corp	31¼	31¼
Upjohn	30¾	31¼
VF Corp	48	48
Wal-Mart Stores	26¼	26¼
Warner-Lambert	73½	74½
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32¼	33
Wells Fargo	108½	107¾
Westinghouse El	15¾	15
Weyerhaeuser	44¼	44¼
Whirlpool	54	54¼
Whitman	13¾	13¾
Winn Dixie	57¾	56¾
Woolworth	31¼	31
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33¾	33½
Xerox	76¼	76¾

Manila clash over ADB capital rise

THE United States and Japan clashed in Manila yesterday over a proposed doubling of the Asian Development Bank's capital from $23.2 billion creating uncertainty over the bank's future lending programme.

After America had been isolated for delaying a decision on the capital rise, Jeffrey Shafer, the chief US delegate, told the bank's annual meeting that funds might have been wasted and demanded an independent enquiry into the ADB loan portfolio.

But Yoshiro Hayashi, the Japanese finance minister, countered that President Clinton might be preoccupied with domestic and European problems, to the detriment of Asia, and pressed for the capital increase to sustain the region's phenomenal progress.

(Agence-France Presse)

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities traded in narrow limits for much of the session, with investors still proving unwilling to chase prices higher.

A period of consolidation has been evident for much of this week, with some traders still showing the scars of last week's bond auction. The Bank of England is expected to announce details of another auction towards the end of next week.

On the futures market, the June series of the long gilt traded between £104 and £104½ before settling one tick lower on the day at £104¼ as 27,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 shed four ticks at the longer end, while in shorts, Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 was unchanged at £109$^{17}/_{32}$. Traders are forecasting a steepening of the yield curve following a softening of short-term interest rates in Europe.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	101	Treas 12¼% 1993	101	-	12.34	5.70
103	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.88
106	104	Treas 13¼% 1993	104 †	..	13.19	5.72
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101	..	8.34	5.84
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	...	13.58	5.94
109	107	Exch 13½% 1994	107	...	12.61	5.94
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104 †	...	9.60	6.06
110	107	Exch 12¼% 1994	107	...	11.60	6.21
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103 xd	...	8.66	6.23
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	...	11.01	6.39
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.13	5.34
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.53	6.51
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113 xd	...	11.19	6.66
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	...	11.92	6.84
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	...	12.50	6.97
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116 xd	...	11.34	6.97
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109 †	..	9.15	6.98
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	..	11.10	7.22
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	110	...	9.46	7.14
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	105	..	8.26	7.13
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	128	-	11.68	7.42
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	+	8.90	7.30
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	+	7.20	7.09
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98	+	6.84	7.05
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	134	-	11.56	7.65
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	118 xd	...	10.09	7.73
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	108	...	8.73	7.55
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	120	+	10.16	7.81
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	113 †	+	9.26	7.68
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	112 xd	-	9.09	7.71
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	106	+	8.42	7.66
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	128	-	10.28	8.08
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	+	8.97	7.99
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125 †	...	11.14	7.75
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	+	8.82	8.11
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	99 xd	+	8.03	8.04
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	112	+	8.93	8.23
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	+	9.71	8.26
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	+	5.00	7.49
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	108	+	8.75	8.31
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	108	+	8.75	8.33
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	126 xd	+	9.85	8.57
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	98	-	8.13	8.25
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	+	9.71	8.52
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	100	+	8.42	8.38
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	+	10.06	8.56
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	105	+	8.57	8.41
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	96	...	8.31	8.45
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	104	+	8.62	8.51
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	104	+	8.62	8.52
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	-	7.46	8.22
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	+	8.33	8.45
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	130	+	9.17	8.74
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	+	8.60	8.57
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	+	8.56	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40 †	+	8.59	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	62	...	5.63	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	+	8.23	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	+	8.47	..
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	132 xd	...	..	1.25
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	..	1.89	2.60
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	...	2.46	3.04
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164	+	2.86	3.20
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161 †	+	2.97	3.26
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	+	3.10	3.38
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	+	3.10	3.32
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	150 †	+	3.32	3.51
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	155	+	3.30	3.57
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	127	+	3.46	3.62
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	+	3.52	3.68
130	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	130	+	3.57	3.70
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	107	+	3.60	3.73
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	107	+	3.62	3.75

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Betterware .... 260p (+10p)
Redland .... 468p (+18p)
Whitbread 'B' .... 885p (+10p)

FALLS:
Allied Lyons .... 562p (-11p)
Amersham .... 668p (-16p)
Geest .... 366p (-68p)
Wellcome .... 728p (-11p)

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RECENT ISSUES

Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	29	...
David Brown (70)	216	...
Fleming Emg Mkts (100)	105	...
Gaelic Resources Wrts	¾	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	146	-1
Holliday Chemical (195)	214	...
Oriental Smllr Co's Wts	40	...
Qlty Software Prods (380)	490	...
Regent Inns (135)	150	-1
Stagecoach (112)	123	-2
Westminster Hlthcr (260)	264	-1

RIGHTS ISSUES

AAF n/p (175)	21	-2
Atlas Cnvrtg Eqp n/p (550)	111	...
Avesco n/p (63)	13	-4
Bemrose n/p (265)	61	...
Bensons Crisps n/p (58)	6	...
Channel Hldgs n/p (23)	1¼	+¼
EIS n/p (340)	21	...
Harris (P) n/p (200)	12	...
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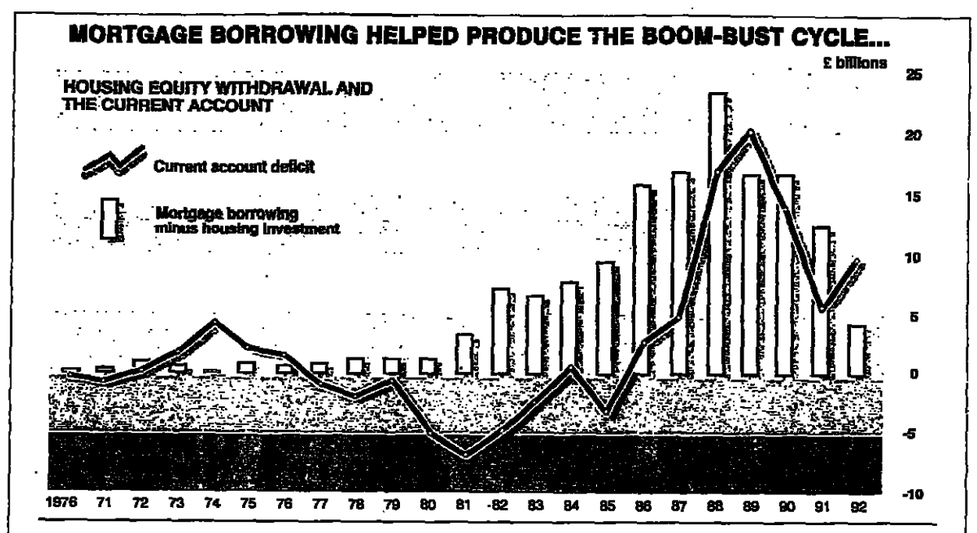
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ECONOMIC VIEW

Credit and wages hold the keys to sustained recovery

Anatole Kaletsky argues that Britain must aim for a competitive pound and low interest rates to deliver the prize of long-term growth



Last week, I promised to outline a set of policies that would allow Britain to enjoy rapid recovery and, simultaneously, improve the balance of payments, narrow the public sector deficit and maintain low inflation. With yesterday's report of another solid rise in house prices, the task of devising a coherent policy package is becoming more urgent. Here, then, are a few ideas.

The overriding priority must be to accelerate the pace of recovery to an annual growth rate of around 3.5 per cent, in line with the performance of the mid-1980s, and then do everything in the government's power to sustain growth in the 3 to 4 per cent range for the next four to five years. A growth rate of 3.5 per cent, against the 2.75 per cent projected by the Treasury in the Budget, would make an enormous difference to economic conditions in Britain, creating an extra 200,000 jobs annually and reducing the public sector borrowing requirement to a modest 2.25 per cent of GDP by 1997-8. The question is how to achieve it.

First, the government must commit itself to an explicit growth target, to stand alongside its inflation target of 1 to 4 per cent. Targets are no substitute for sensible economic policy, as Britain has repeatedly learned to its cost. But in the present conditions, some symbolic commitment to the real economy would offer a useful counterbalance to the Treasury's previous obsession with financial variables and prices.

The government must then be prepared to use the three most powerful instruments in its macroeconomic toolbox — interest rates, the exchange rate and the regulation of credit — not only to achieve its growth targets but to ensure that the next economic upswing is powered by exports and industrial investment, not consumer demand.

Before I move on to the details, one common misconception must be addressed. Although exports and investment must sustain long-term growth, they cannot *lead* the recovery. Consumer demand must revive before there can be a serious upturn in investment. And without a strong domestic market, it will be very difficult for British exporters to regain their strength — as anyone who competes with Japanese manufacturers knows only too well, a strong and profitable domestic market has been a key component in their success. It would therefore be disastrous for businessmen and politicians to panic at the first signs of recovery in consumption and the housing market. For the next year or so, rising consumption and house prices will be unqualified good news.

Eventually, however, consumption will have to be reined in, to prevent a Lawson-style balance of payments explosion. What is absolutely critical is that the Treasury should not use high interest rates or an overvalued pound to control the next boom. If British exporters are to have any chance of restoring their world market share, and if domestic investment is to flow into manufactures, the pound must be kept cheap and interest rates must be kept low, not just for a few months, but for many years or even decades.

The other standard ways of controlling consumption are through tough fiscal policy and wage restraint. But to go much beyond the fiscal tightening of the last Budget would probably be politically unrealistic, in terms of public spending, or damaging to the economy, in the case of higher taxes. Wage restraint will be essential if Britain is to avoid rising inflation and the government must set the tone for national pay bargaining. Beyond that, Britain can realistically hope that the union reforms of the 1980s transformed the climate for pay bargaining. But even if wages remain subdued, as they usually have in the early part of the economic cycle, consumption could start to rise dangerously after a year or two; while labour market reforms may have restrained wage inflation, the financial reforms of the 1980s have certainly created an inflationary credit engine that could again spin out of control.

Everyone now knows that the most destructive explosion of the 1980s boom happened in the housing market. But judging by his speech on housing yesterday, John Major, for one, does not yet understand that the real damage was done by exploding mortgage borrowing, rather than exploding house prices. The top chart illustrates the point. As bank and building society borrowing was deregulated from 1980, homeowners began to borrow far more than the nation as a whole invested in building and house repairs. This excess credit, known as "equity withdrawal", built up spectacularly from 1985 on as house prices rose steeply, making borrowers, and lenders, more confident.

By the late 1980s, many economists saw that this build-up of mortgage borrowing was fuelling a dangerous consumer boom, negating the deflationary effects of lower government borrowing and causing the current account explosion shown in the chart. But instead of attacking the problem at its root — new mortgage borrowing — the Treasury chose to punish all existing debtors with extortionate interest rates and then singled out exporters for special torment by joining the ERM. Even at the time, it was clear that better options existed. For example, I suggested, in early 1990, that equity withdrawn from the housing market might be subjected to capital gains tax, and a lively debate ensued. But ministers and government officials showed absolutely no interest, since Treasury dogma insisted that there was only one way to regulate credit in a "free" economy, and that was with high interest rates.

After the horrors of the past three years, will ministers learn to be more open-minded? If they do, they will find plenty of solid proposals for restraining excessive mortgage borrowing, without crippling either the housing market or the economy as a whole with high interest rates. These range from taxes on equity withdrawal and stamp duties on mortgage instruments, to regulatory measures such as minimum deposit requirements and limited repossession rights for imprudent lenders.

It may well be, of course, that "burnt fingers" alone will now be enough to restrain excessive lending and borrowing. But, as the bottom right chart shows, the cost of servicing debts had already fallen sharply by mid-1992. It must now be back to tolerable levels. Once housing starts to recover strongly, something may have to be done to control mortgage borrowing. Now is the time to plan for this. And now is the time for ministers to assure anxious industrialists and exporters that high interest rates will never again be used simply to restrain mortgage demand.

TEMPUS

Not Trafalgar's day

THERE is a world-class business somewhere at the heart of Trafalgar House but Simon Keswick, the new chairman, will have to dig a long way down to find it. The proceeds of the £205 million rights issue have vanished into a strained balance sheet. Debts, including off-balance sheet finance and discounting prepayments from customers, are still above £600 million, putting gearing over 100 per cent.

If Trafalgar was in a better state, its old shareholders might feel distinctly annoyed about the way Hongkong Land has won effective control of the company. As it is, the City has already cast Mr Keswick as saviour and marked the shares up accordingly when his appointment was confirmed yesterday.

Trafalgar badly needs the backing of Hongkong Land. Its parlous financial position is hardly the smartest marketing ploy when pitching for keynote construction or engineering contracts, and the group's future success depends on its ability to defend and expand the divisions' £3.4 billion order books. Given the continuing dearth of work in Europe and America, it is hardly surprising they have opened a Hong Kong office to tap into Jardine Matheson's network of contacts.

While Trafalgar is determined not to sell its non-core interests like The Ritz at low prices, the case for disposals is strong. With the upturn in the housing market already gathering pace, Ideal Homes needs the funds to buy land. Higher house sales would help to restore the group's cash flow. As for profits, they can only get better. Trafalgar's new broad brush approach to property provisions should ensure decent disposal profits when the time comes.

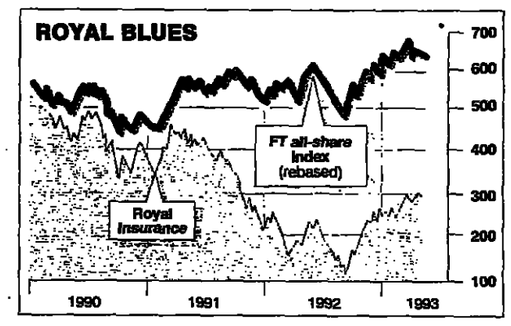
Royal Insurance

ROYAL Insurance is asking its shareholders to take a leap of faith to back a £404 million rights issue. They have seen £1.2 billion of their money disappear in the past three years in a pit of underwriting losses. The dividend, meanwhile, has dwindled from 26p to 6.5p. Now insurance premiums are rising. Royal has been forced to return to shareholders to ask them to plug the hole in its reserves or risk losing business to better-capitalised rivals.

True, Royal's new management, led by Richard Gamble, has a better grip of the business than its predecessors and the group has recovered strongly, moving from a £373 million loss in 1991 to the small profit reported yesterday. But much of the credit for the turnround belongs to the market, not to management.

The most encouraging aspect of the rights issue is that the group has not tried to raise more. The new funds will boost the general insurance company's solvency to 54 per cent, which is comfortable, but hardly over-capitalised. If investment returns remain low for the next few years, the industry may be prevented from underpricing risk as grossly as it did in the eighties.

Royal remains an attractive recovery play. On an ex-rights price 195p, the shares are at a 3 per cent discount to net assets. Shareholders should back the issue, but be prepared to dive for cover the next time the insurance cycle turns against them.



Royal Bank of Scotland

THE efficiency gains that the Royal Bank of Scotland wrought in the first few months of its Project Columbus reflect how much fat it was carrying. The 32 per cent rise in operating profit to £285 million shows the bank has tackled staffing and technology in the way its English rivals were forced to three years ago.

That should not detract from the bank's success in getting through the recession in fairly good shape. While bad debts have been far worse south of the border, the bank appears past its low point. More worrying is the inference that provisions will fall only slowly. Royal Bank has some of the highest bad debt cover in the sector. If it cannot reduce provisions quickly, other banks could suffer heavy top-up provisions for years.

Royal has many attractive points. It has the best American subsidiary of the clearers and a superb insurance business in Direct Line.

Much of this is reflected in the share price, which, at 267p, values the company at 13 times next year's earnings. Since most of the efficiency gains are one-off and bad debts will fall only slowly, that looks enough, however phenomenal the rise in Direct Line's value.

Tate & Lyle

NEIL Shaw's admirable intention to wean Tate & Lyle off its vulnerability to movements on the commodity and currency markets is taking longer than expected. Shorn of currency factors, interim profits show little change as problems addressed in one part of the world were offset by fresh ones elsewhere.

For as long as some watchers can remember, Tate has had high hopes for two new products: Stella, the fat replacement, and Sucralose, a sweetener. But Stella's market penetration has been slow with conservative food manufacturers, while Sucralose is facing another battery of tests imposed by the US Food and Drug Administration.

Little surprise, therefore, that T&L shares fell yesterday as some analysts cut their profit estimates for this year by £5 million to £10 million, due to sterling's recent gains.

BAT Industries

BAT cannot be blamed for being cagey about the likely outcome of an American cigarette price war. So far, there has been more shouting than shooting and the Clinton administration's fiscal attack on the tobacco industry is still an unknown factor. But the 23p fall in BAT's price to 850p reflects deeper concern than a 3 per cent fall in tobacco profits would seem to justify. The downturn in German cigarette volumes was not expected and a 25 per cent fall in the contribution from tobacco in America, ahead of the price war, looks ominous.

Downward pressure on the share price from American sentiment may be offset by recovery at Eagle Star and diminishing concern over the group's debts following the the enhanced scrip dividend. BAT's main attraction remains its dividend which is likely to be 40p this year. There are very few companies of such quality offering a yield of 5.9 per cent.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Property pain for Newmarch

MICK Newmarch, larger-than-life head of the mighty Prudential Corporation, has learned to shrug off criticism about his salary over the years. But a curious arrangement in the newly published 1992 annual report may be harder to explain away. After recording that Newmarch's remuneration last year rose from £617,114 to £769,385, the report reveals that he, too, has fallen victim to the slump in property values. In 1987, Newmarch and a subsidiary of the Pru paid £772,500 for an elegant Nash apartment overlooking London's Regent's Park. Newmarch paid £225,000 towards the cost. The flat was sold in January this year for £450,000 and the proceeds were split pro rata. The Pru says there is nothing unusual in using company funds in such circumstances, and the decision to sell at a loss is a sign of the times. A spokeswoman said: "He's suffered like everyone else as a result of the housing market going down." Unfortunate property encounters are nothing new to the Pru. In 1991, the insurer pulled out of estate agency after investing £340 million in a chain of 750 branches. They were sold for £30 million.

Asil quickstep

THE manner of Asil Nadir's moonlight flit will surprise few of the press veterans who pursued him around London in the early days of the Polly Peck debacle. The oily-haired executive took an impish delight in outwitting newspapermen and television crews. On one occasion, after being interviewed by the Serious Fraud Office, he had an employee masquerade in his official car and sped off in a Vauxhall Astra before photographers could react. On another, he managed to "disappear" from his Berkeley Square head office — using a secret tunnel, or so it was whispered — and in one of his most spectacular stunts to date, left a meeting of creditors in Moorgate by driving the wrong way down a one-way street. As Fleet Street descends on Northern Cyprus, he may yet have a few more tricks up his sleeve.

Ratners recruit

JUST over a year after he stepped down as chief executive of Burton Group, the clothing retailer, Laurence Cooklin is trying his hand at prawn sandwiches — sorry, jewellery. He has been appointed head of UK jewellery at Ratners Group on a two-year contract for a reputed £200,000. Cooklin, who left Burton in Febuary 1992, will be among friendly faces. Gary O'Brien, group finance director, formerly worked for Burton — as did Mike Mitchell, the company spokesman.



THE National Blood Authority, based in Watford, Hertfordshire, is advertising for a personnel manager. Applications must be sent to a Mr Gore of Dagger Lane.

Director dilemma

THE trouble with being a director of so many quoted companies is remembering whose annual meeting you are at, as Sir Denys Henderson, ICI's chairman, found to his embarrassment and to fellow directors' and shareholders' amusement at yesterday's annual meeting of RTZ. One shareholder wanted to know the justification for executive directors' bonuses having risen by 48 per cent last year. Was it because they had eaten 48 per cent more business lunches? Sir Derek Birkin, RTZ's chairman, thought that was too close to home to answer, so delegated Sir Denys, as the chairman of RTZ's nomination and compensation commmittee, to respond. The no-nonsense Henderson thought it was a very good question, and said so. All but thumping the table, Henderson then let forth about the recession, and the need to pay competitive salaries so that "we can attract the right people to ICI — Oops! I will start that one again — to attract the right people to RTZ", Henderson chuckled.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Charity ends at the clearing bank

From Brigadier Fraser Scott (Retd)

Sir, It is not only small businesses which are being unfairly treated, but small charities.

I am treasurer of two small charities. One, which banks with the Midland, had the small business terms imposed on it. But, on pointing out that the charity was subsidising their personal customers, the Midland relented and we were put on to a sensible basis. The other, which banks with Barclays, has been warned that small business rates (68p per entry plus a monthly charge) would start mid-May. I have had no reply to my letter of complaint so the account will be transferred. Both these charities have balances with the banks of a few thousand pounds (not an overdraft).

Thank you for fighting this battle on all our behalfs.

Yours faithfully,
FRASER SCOTT,
Woodyers,
Wonersh,
Guildford,
Surrey.

Seeking added value in transparent accounts

From Mr R. Sneddon

Sir, Anyone who has ever tried to analyse company accounts must surely welcome the work of the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) and the various discussion papers which the Board, is presently issuing. One such is "The role of Valuation in Financial Reporting", comments on which are invited by the end of June.

I don't think I am alone in feeling that there is a "black hole" in many company accounts and annual reports when one tries to tease out the current value of industrial property and fixed assets in general. Sometimes an apparent loss in the value of fixed assets (other than investment properties) is not reflected in the accounts under present practice because it is considered that the loss will reverse in the future.

In the late 1980s, for example, many companies bought or revalued properties at the height of the property market boom. In some cases, the assets have not been written down despite a considerable fall in value and when one remembers that fixed assets can form 20 to 30 per cent of the total capital employed, this gives some idea of the depth of the "black hole".

It is, of course, difficult in many cases to determine whether the loss in value is temporary or permanent. The present Companies Act only requires that provision be made in respect of permanent diminution in value and the ASB recognises that the regular revaluation of fixed assets is the only way to resolve this difficulty. One therefore welcomes the undertaking by the Board to hold discussions with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors to determine the frequency of external revaluations which can only lead to greater transparency in company accounts; an outcome surely to be desired.

Yours faithfully,
R. SNEDDON,
47 Falcon Gardens,
Edinburgh.

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Roots of Lloyd's 'excess of loss'

From Mr Hugh M. Potterton

Sir, Your leading article on Lloyd's (April 30) does not highlight the key contributing factor causing the bell to toll, nor do other commentators.

The only restriction Lloyd's placed on a syndicate was the volume of premium income it could write, fixed in relation to the capacity of the names subscribing to it. Excess of loss syndicates writing high layers of liability in many earlier years earned good profits because the losses rarely reached them and the low premium per risk never breached the regulation.

When high exposure covers produced unforeseen losses, the failure of the underwriter to anticipate the extent of the liability to which he had exposed his syndicate was demonstrated. Perhaps he was optimistic or confident in the knowledge that his names had unlimited liability. Whatever, there are good and bad insurance underwriters, but acceptance of very high limits of risk must be anticipated as potential loss. That is why the bell tolls.

Insurance companies and many Lloyd's syndicates never accept a limit of liability beyond present amounts unless it can be reduced by reinsurance. Lloyd's excess of loss underwriters are not so inhibited.

The present proposals for change at Lloyd's to limit the liability of shareholders—names must inevitably restrict the underwriting freedom which is the key factor giving rise to the Lloyd's crisis.

Yours faithfully,
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Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Financial Report

SKF's Interim Report for the Three Month-Period ended March 31, 1993

SKF is the world's leading company in the rolling bearings industry, with a world market share of approximately 20 per cent.

Group sales for the first three months of 1993 amounted to SEK 7,205 million, (£654m) compared with SEK 7,158m (£688m) in the corresponding period of 1992. A comparison between these sales figures must consider that CTT Tools was included in the 1992 figure and that the Swedish kronor has weakened since the autumn of 1992. Taking this into account, sales declined approximately 9 percent, compared with 1992. The Group's loss, after financial income and expense, amounted to SEK –355m, (£–32m) compared with a loss of SEK –34m (£–3.3m). The 1993 results were charged with a currency exchange loss of SEK 105m (£9.5m) attributable to the Parent Company's convertible ECU bonds.

In the European market, sales in the first quarter of 1993, continued at the same low level as in the final quarter of 1992, but did not decline further.

In North America, all three segments – automotive industry, machinery industry and after-market – showed a positive trend during the first quarter.

In the region reporting the best growth, Asia Pacific, sales increased in all three customer segments and the trend is favourable.

Forecast

There are too many uncertain factors in the market to be able to make a quantified forecast of the Group's result for 1993. However, if sales remain at the current level, the Group's result should improve gradually from the first quarter's level.

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Generators ordered to explain price rises

■ Constraints in the national grid may lead to a system of financial rewards to big companies for turning off machinery at periods of peak demand for domestic power

BY ROSS TIERMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S two biggest electricity generating companies, National Power and PowerGen, have been ordered publicly to explain why they increased bulk electricity prices by 9 per cent last month, though their fuel costs are falling.

Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, stepped in for the third time in two years after noting sharp price rises in the electricity pool, the power market at the heart of Britain's privatised electricity regime.

But blame for high prices was swiftly denied by Ed Wallis, PowerGen's chief executive. He said problems centred on transmission and on failings in computer software that runs the pool.

Power industry sources say that because improvements to the grid have not kept pace with power station construction, owners of efficient plants sometimes have to be paid not to produce power.

Those payments are raised through an "uplift" charge added to generators' prices. "We are not responsible for such increases," Mr Wallis said. "We believe that constraints on the transmission system caused by grid refurbishment in the north of the country are among the contributory factors."

He said there was also evidence that the pool's computers could not cope with the growing number of companies bidding to supply power as new plants were completed. "We are concerned about the increased volatility which has emerged in the pool in recent weeks," he said.

National Power is believed to share many of Mr Wallis's worries. A spokesman said detailed responses were being prepared. But he dismissed any suggestion of over-charging. "We are still not recovering all the cash costs of our marginal plant," he said.

Professor Littlechild's alarm over prices coincides with initiatives to tackle other failings in the privatised power regime. Energy-intensive industries such as chemicals, glass and steel have been complaining for more than two years that they are being driven out of business by excessive electricity costs.

Yesterday, Peter Rost, chairman of the Major Energy Users Council, said he saw signs that some of the privatisation regime's failings might at last be being addressed.

In a speech in Birmingham, Professor Littlechild threw his weight behind a system called demand-side bidding, which would reward big companies for turning off machinery at periods of peak domestic electricity demand.

Tim Eggar, the energy minister, has issued a consultation paper suggesting rule changes that would allow some companies to cut transmission system charges and avoid contributions to the nuclear subsidy, which adds 11 per cent to electricity bills.

To qualify, companies would have to contract to take 95 per cent of the output of a particular generating set.



Spicey deal: Albert Fisher, the food processing and distribution group chaired by Stephen Walls, above, is raising £25 million through the sale of the herb and spice businesses of Hunter Saphir, acquired in January for £29.3 million. The British Pepper & Spice Company and the Netherlands-based Euroma Holding are being sold to Burns Philp, an Australian group. The price includes repayment of inter-company debt due from Hunter Saphir. Mr Walls said the proceeds would be used to cut debt. The businesses being sold would be better suited to a group whose core activity was herbs and spices. The merging of the fresh produce businesses of Hunter Saphir into Fisher's European fresh produce division had begun well. Hunter Saphir had net debts of £9.8 million when it was bought. Its herb and spice businesses had net assets of £21.6 million at the end of February and earned pre-tax profits of £300,000 in the last full year.

British ferry operator tests Madrid's rules of the waves

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

CENARGO International, a British shipping company, is about to test the waters of the single European market with a new ferry service between Morocco and Spain that could create a rift in Anglo-Spanish relations.

Cenargo has decided to delay the inaugural sailing, planned for May 16, in the hope that today's session of the Spanish-Moroccan commission for traffic in the Strait of Gibraltar, and a foreign ministers' meeting next week, will clear the political rocks from its course.

The London shipping company aims to open a British-flagged ferry service, Ferrimaroc, between Nador, next to the Spanish north African enclave of Melilla, and Almeria, on the Costa del Sol, in direct competition with Transmediterranea, the Spanish state-owned line. The unwelcome competitor arrives just as Transmediterranea, which runs services out of Melilla to Malaga and Algericas, on the Costa del Sol, is being privatised.

Michael Hendry, the Cenargo chairman told *The Times* that his company had been invited to start the service by the Moroccan government. It also had been given "strong backing" from the British government as the single market rules should give any EC flag carrier the right to open services to any other EC country, even from non-Community ports. The European Commission has given its blessing too, Mr Hendry said.

His car ferry, the Scirocco, was to have started operating last month between Nador and Almaria, with a target of 200,000 passengers and 45,000 vehicles in its first year. But a warning from Madrid that the vessel would be arrested if it sailed to Almaria, prompted Cenargo to postpone the maiden voyage.

Spain insists that it has a bilateral shipping agreement with Morocco that has yet to be brought in line with EC rules. Alberto Azar, the Spanish ambassador to London, was called to the foreign office to hear the British government's view that the Scirocco was entitled to sail to Almaria.

But general elections in Spain next month are unlikely to foster a political climate favourable to yielding to foreign pressure, especially not from a British-Morrocan alliance. British sovereignty over Gibraltar remains an unhealed sore in Anglo-Spanish relations. A confrontation over Mediterranean shipping will not improve the situation.

Mr Hendry said King Hassan of Morocco was urgently trying to develop north-east Morocco, and Nador, as a free port. He said Morocco's cabinet met to discuss the pact with Spain. "Given the shortage of ferry capacity between Spain and Morocco, Spain is having difficulty explaining its stance," he said.

Philips surprises analysts by staying in black

FROM MARK FULLER IN EINDHOVEN

PHILIPS, the Dutch electronics company, surprised analysts yesterday, with a smaller than expected first-quarter net profit decline. The company, said the results in the first three months of 1993 were not indicative of a likely trend in earnings for the full year.

Philips, which has been struggling to cope with the malaise in its key consumer electronics market for several years, had been expected to slump into the red. But the company said net profit fell 59 million guilders (£21 million) to Fl 103 million, compared with the restated 1992 first-quarter figure.

Dudley Eustace, the former British Aerospace executive who has been brought into Philips to shore up the company's financial position, said prices had fallen by 2 per cent in the first three months, following a 6 per cent decline in 1992. The pressure on prices was likely to continue this year, he said.

Mr Eustace, appointed vice president and financial director last June, said he expected "no relief at all" in the economic downturn in Europe, which accounts for two-thirds of the company's business. However, the US market was continuing to show improvement and the UK was "reasonably bullish".

The proceeds from the proposed sale of Philips's 35 per cent stake in its joint venture with Matsushita of Japan will be used to reduce company debt. The Fl 3 billion transaction, expected to yield a book profit of between Fl 500 million and Fl 1.5 billion will be completed in the current quarter, Mr Eustace said.

The proceeds from the sale will go some way to paying back Fl 2.5 billion in short-term debt due this year, although the company said it was renegotiating part of these loans. Philips will have to pay back Fl 11 billion in debt over the next five years.

Mr Eustace aims to reduce the debt to group equity ratio to 40 per cent over the next five years. At the end of the first quarter, this ratio stood at 59 per cent, two percentage points down on the ratio for the first quarter of 1992.

Philips will continue to focus on stringent cash and asset management. Over the past three years the company has embarked on one of the biggest job-cutting programmes seen in Europe. Although the company has stated it would not sell whole divisions, it would continue to weed out unprofitable businesses, Mr Eustace said.

Turnover fell slightly to Fl 13.75 billion from Fl 14.06 billion in the first quarter. The introduction of products such as the digital compact cassette and the interactive compact disc were going well, Philips said.

EC accepts debt plan of German steel giant

FROM REUTER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission has conditionally accepted an offer by Klöckner-Werke to repay 6 per cent of a loan of DM175 million the firm received from European Coal and Steel Community funds.

Acceptance by the Commission, which is tied to talks with Klöckner on capacity cuts, is seen as crucial to plans to restructure the German steel giant's total debts of DM2.7 billion.

German creditor banks had said that all creditors had to back the debt restructuring plan for it to be enacted. EC commissioners Martin Bangemann and Karel Van Miert will start talks on cuts and the full 17-member Commission plans to issue its final formal decision on the debt repayment next week, said an EC spokesman.

Shares in Klöckner, which accounts for 10 per cent of German crude steel output, recovered from yesterday's losses on optimism that the debt restructuring proposals may succeed. They were up DM6 to DM53.

Glimmer of light shines on ghost hotel

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

LAI Sun Development, the Hong Kong property group, is offering to save the Ritz-Carlton Hong Kong, a glitzy ghost hotel in the heart of the Central business district, by taking it over for just under HK$1.2 billion (£99 million).

The five-star hotel, still under construction, fell into receivership nearly two years ago when Ginzu Golf Service, its Japanese owners, defaulted on loans. For nearly a year, the 213-room building stood empty; the stumbling blocks to its sale were the price tag and the rigid management agreement with the US Ritz Carlton group. The conditional agreement by a Lai Sun syndicate to buy the Ritz-Carlton signifies renewed optimism in the hotel sector.

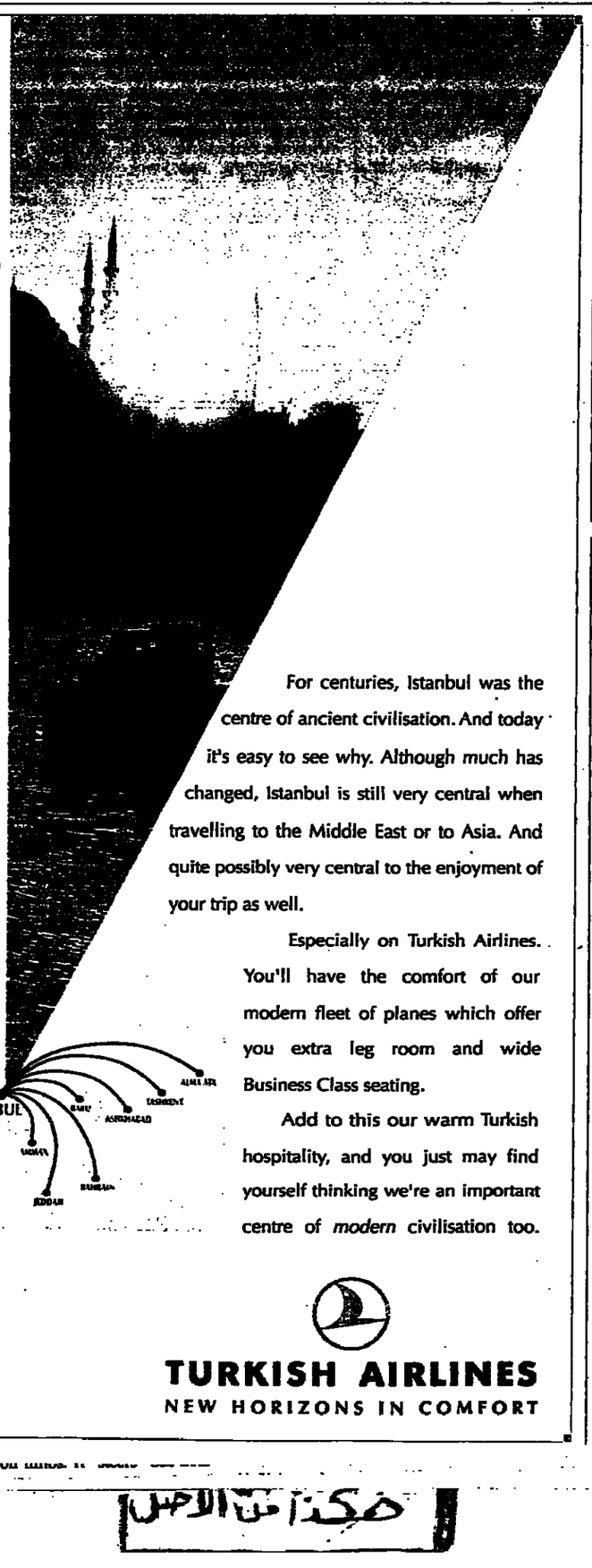
Andrew Luk, investment manager of the Lai Sun group, said: "There has been a clear turnaround in the hotel sector. Both profitability and asset values have been going up. We're confident about the Ritz-Carlton because it has one of the best locations in town."

Details of the deal have yet to be released but it is expected that the hotel will open its doors in September. Analysts say the deal shows that the Hong Kong property market is strong despite unresolved political problems between Britain and China. The diplomatic stalemate in the past six months has not deterred several major property transactions, including sale of the Standard Chartered building in Central.

The sale of residential and commercial properties is picking up, and retail rents have risen to record levels in prime areas. Gareth Williams, of property firm Vigers Hong Kong, said: "The property market's recent performance makes it clear that the political factor is now an integral part of the Hong Kong scene and has been largely discounted by most investors."

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CENTREDIRECT ENTERPRISES LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 46(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held in St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH at 3:00pm on 21 May 1993 for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the administrative receivers(s) under the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a creditors committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditor's committee by or under the Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge with me at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH no later that 12 noon on 20th May 1993 details of the debt they claim to be due to them by the company, together with any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf at the meeting.
22nd April 1993
LADISLAV HORNAN JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Note: Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting.

Guardsman Contracting Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & co. situated at PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, 62nd Floori, London, W2 6LF, on 17th May 1993 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 at sea.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 563, 30 Eastbourne Terrace 62nd Floori, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the meeting of Creditors
DATED THIS 30th April 1993
Paul C. Colter. Director

D.O.S. DREDGING COMPANY LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF D.O.S DREDGING COMPANY LIMITED
On 25 April 1993 the above named company was placed in members voluntary liquidation and Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The Liquidator gives notice (pursuant to Rule 4 182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986) that the creditors of the above company must send details, in writing of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 27 May 1993 which is the last day for proving claims.
The liquidator also gives notice that no will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not included in the distribution.
The Company is able to pay all its known creditors in full
28 April 1993
Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim
Liquidator

MANLEY ENTERPRISES LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER 1848307
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE COMPANY
On 26 April 1993 the above named company was placed in member's voluntary liquidation and Richard Victor Yerburgh Setchim of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice (pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986) that the creditors of the above company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 21 May 1993 which is the last day for proving claims.
The liquidator also gives notice that he will make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the due date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all known creditors in full
Richard Victor Yerburg Setchim
Liquidator.
20 April 1993

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THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Allen Office Machines Limited
-in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
I HEREBY NOTICE that I, Raymond Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 23 April 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 28 April 1993
R Hocking
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Noble House Group Limited
In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Raymond Hocking, Licensed Insolvency Practioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 23 April 1993 All debts and claims should be sent of me at the above address.
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Dated: 28 April 1993
R. Hocking
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
London Office Service Limited
In Creditors' voluntary Liquidation
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dated: 28 April 1993
R Hocking
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Solutions Telecommunications Limited In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I Raymond Hocking, Licensed Practioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company of 23 April 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 28 April 1993
R Hocking
Liquidator

WESTMINSTER MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS LIMITED
Company number: 1460374
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held as follows:
Date 7th May 1993
Time 11.30 am
Venue: The Stoke Hotel, 103 Stoke Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4JN.
The meeting is convened for the purposes mentioned in section 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, namely to consider the director's statement of affairs to appoint a Liquidator and to establish if through fit, a liquidation committee.
On the two business days falling next before the day on which this meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Leach Bright, Chesnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG.
Dated this 16th day of April 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P. Walker
Director

LEGAL NOTICES

WORLDWIDE LEISURE (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Phillip Rodney Sykes and John Roger Hill of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above company on 30th April 1993
NOTICE IS FURTHER given pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the liquidators intend to make the early distribution to creditors.
Creditors are required to send their names and addresses and particulars of their claims to the liquidators on or before 4 June 1993, the last date for proving. Thereafter the distribution may be made without regard to the claim of any person whose debt has not been proved by that date.
It should be noted that the majority of the Directors of the company have made a Statutory Declaration that they have made a full inquiry into the affairs of the company and that they are of the opinion that the company will be able to pay its debts within a period of twelve months from the date of liquidation.
Dated 30 April 1993
PR SYKES
JOINT LIQUIDATOR

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7	Hazlewood Fds	Foods	
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9	Garton Eng	Industrial	
10	Gowett	Finance, Land	
11	South West	Water	
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29	CRH	Building,Rds	
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255	179	Allied Irish	242	-1	...	6.2	14.5
176	130	Ans New Z	156	+5	...	5.8	...
3806½	2793½	Bankamerica	2993½	+50	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	227	...	...	5.2	36.3
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	138	-1	4.3	3.9	21.7
464	362	Barclays	428	-2	15.1	4.4	-
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
485	395	Cater Allen	483	...	26.0	6.7	...
119	85	Cattles	119	...	...	4.4	15.8
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1975 †	+37½	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Chicorp	1806½ †	+43½	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	334	...	...	3.6	14.9
£125¾	9275	Commerzbk	£118½	+125	...	3.3	...
£130¼	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£280½	+45½	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	70	...	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1204	+12	...	0.4	64.8
453	343	Gerrard Nat	452	...	21.0	5.8	...
654	490	HSBC	591	-1	19.0	4.0	-
634	474	HSBC HK	575½	-½	19.0	4.1	-
356	243	Hambros	341	...	13.6	5.1	15.1
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
138	96	King Shaxson	128	...	3.0	6.9	...
403	312	Kleinwort Ben	387	-3	16.0	5.2	13.4
573	492	Lloyds	521	-3	18.4	4.4	14.9
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	408	+5½	...	5.0	14.1
485	398	Nat West	459	-2	17.5	4.8	27.9
865	674	Provident	863	...	28.5	4.1	14.9
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	267	...	8.8	4.2	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1853	-2	22.0	1.5	18.5
758	576	Stand Chart	734	-3	20.0	3.4	...
195	145½	TSB	181	-3	6.4	4.4	...
123	78	Union Disc	123	...	...	...	...
674	529	Warburg SG	652	-1	18.0	3.5	19.3
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7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	6837½	+175	...	1.5	...
162	121	Westpac	156	+5	...	4.9	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	547	Allied-Lyons	562	-11	20.0	4.4	13.0
647	528	Bass	531	-3	18.9	4.4	11.6
269	189	Boddington	268	-1	7.3	3.4	15.6
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	396	-8	9.0	2.8	18.2
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	141	+1	4.4	3.9	10.3
307	261	Devenish (JA)	300	...	7.8	3.3	16.9
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	92	...	...	4.4	24.3
68½	52	Fosters Brewing	52½	-½	...	5.2	7.3
380	338	Fulls Sm 'A'	378	-2	...	2.2	15.9
480	399	Grand Met	415	...	12.3	3.7	13.7
423	388	Greenalls Grp	417	-1	11.7	3.5	13.8
563	505	Greene King	549	-5	11.6	2.6	14.3
516	440	Guinness	477 †	-6	...	3.1	17.0
281	230	Hardy Hansn	239	...	7.9	4.1	13.3
113	108	Heavitree	110	...	3.0	3.5	26.4
95	78	-do- 'A' LV	95	...	3.0	4.0	22.8
299	258	Highland Distl	295 †	-3	6.0	2.5	19.6
3125	2538	Holt J	2988	-12	41.0	1.7	-
56	33	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	269	-4	7.0	3.3	-
186	157	Macallan-Glen	162 †	...	0.9	0.7	36.4
465	375	Marstn Marm 'A'	375	...	8.8	2.9	11.8
740	655	Mansfield	739	...	13.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Marston Thmp	238	-3	4.9	2.6	13.9
435	411	Matthew Clark	411	-4	15.7	4.8	12.3
300	256	Mrrydwn W	280	...	...	3.0	18.8
490	455	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6¼	Paramount	10	...	...	2.1	17.7
950	763	SA Breweries	770	-43	...	3.2	-
482½	408	Scot & New	461	-4	16.1	4.4	12.6
223	161	Taunton Cider	212	-1	...	2.8	19.8
242	213	Vaux Group	236	...	9.3	5.0	16.3
281	225	Wetherspoon JD	281	+5	...	2.1	22.7
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	481	+1	16.9	4.4	11.5
1180	850	-do- 'B'	885	+10	16.9	2.4	34.9
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	570	...	11.4	2.5	16.0
515	480	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	75	Abbey	115	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton	18	...	...	...	...
106	87	Allen	96	...	...	6.5	10.8
90	65	Amec	95 †	-2	3.0	3.9	-
9	4	Anglia Sec	6	-1½	...	...	...
196	155	Ashtead	195	...	4.1	2.7	24.2
142	108	Attwoods	121	-1	5.0	5.2	17.3
238	183	BPB Ind	230	-4	...	4.1	58.5
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	88	...	3.1	4.4	24.6
31	19	Bailey (Ben) Con	28½	...	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barcom	89	-2	1.2	1.8	16.1
147	94	Barratt Devs	146	...	2.0	1.7	16.3
412	305	Bellway	398	-9	11.5	3.6	23.1
32	15	Bellwinch	28	...	...	...	...
433	295½	Berkeley Gp	403	-6	...	1.9	27.8
63	45	Bett Bros	58	...	...	...	2.4
49	36	Blockleys	47 †	-1	1.0	2.7	-
257	189	Blue Circle	245 †	-9	11.2	5.7	-
282	230	Boot (Henry)	280	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	89 †	...	4.6	6.5	21.5
105	82	Br Dredging	103 †	...	5.2	6.3	22.9
75	45	Brit Fittings	71	-3	1.5	2.7	...
149	99	Bryant	146	...	4.8	4.1	31.2
75	53	CALA	74	...	2.3	...	...
260	206	CRH	256	+5	...	3.6	16.3
43	28	Cakebread Rbn	33	...	...	...	...
39	23	Costain	37	-1	...	...	...
136	90	Countryside	130	...	4.1	4.0	34.4
63	38	Crest Nicholson	58	...	0.0	...	...
76	36	Cussins	76	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton	1½	...	0.5	3.0	...
25	10½	Edmond Hldgs	20½	...	6.8	3.9	-
238	179	Epwin	225	...	0.3	0.9	...
48	32	Erith	47	...	...	3.5	12.7
350	252	Eve Group	350	...	3.0	4.5	25.8
55	34	Evered Bardon	55 †	+1	...	...	...
6½	4½	Explaura	4½	...	...	4.7	21.3
140	97	Freeman Gp	137	+1	4.3	...	16.9
90	38	Galliford	62	...	...	...	...
78	65	Gibbs & Dandy	68	...	...	...	...
786	695	Gleeson (MJ)	788	...	12.7	3.0	12.7
118	90	Hewden-Stuart	118 †	-1½	3.2	3.4	-
50	28	Hewetson	50	...	2.6	...	49.8
250	196	Heywd Wlm	242	-1	12.5	6.0	...
85	37	Higgs & Hill	75	-3	2.5	4.3	-
35	27	How Gp	29	...	1.5	6.0	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	35	Ibstock Johnsen	69	-1	1.0	1.8	...
22	14½	Jarvis	21	...	0.5	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	278	...	9.0	4.0	-
83	55	Ln Clydeside	66	...	4.5	8.5	24.0
32	10½	Lovell (YJ)	27½	...	...	...	10.2
207	140	Manders	207	...	9.0	3.7	18.8
143	93	Marley	141	...	4.2	3.7	41.4
83	61	Marshalls	83	...	...	7.5	27.8
148	122	Maunders (J)	146	-1	2.0	4.2	13.6
189	96	McAlpine (A)	180	...	0.5	4.3	32.7
35	23	McCarthy & S	30	-1	0.5	...	...
354	272	Meyer Intl	342 †	-1	...	3.7	36.7
4	4	Miskin Gp	4	...	...	...	...
125	62	Mowlem (J)	123 †	-1	4.0	4.1	...
78	51	NSM	56	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
153	106	Newman Tnks	152	...	...	6.6	20.3
286	197	Persimmon	284	...	8.6	3.8	39.0
26	22	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
1625	1462½	Pochins	1462½	...	29.0	2.5	8.9
115	80	Proving	113	...	3.4	3.8	-
6½	3½	Quiligotti	4	...	...	...	...
686	555	RMC Gp	683 †	+1	20.0	3.7	-
117	90	Raine Ind	98	-1	6.0	7.7	16.4
36	20	Ramus	20	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	468 †	+18	25.0	6.7	27.2
75	64	Rockel	68 †	...	4.3	7.9	10.0
269	200	Rugby Group	263	-3	6.4	3.1	-
40	23	Syrfild Rves	40 †	...	...	...	...
105	68	Sharpe & Fisher	105 †	...	4.0	4.8	-
172	110	Sheffield Insl	171	+1	5.4	3.9	27.6
96	82	Sherriff Hldgs	96	...	...	2.6	14.3
95	66	Shanco	75 †	...	...	8.7	-
228	205	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Starmin	5½	...	0.3	7.4	6.3
142	103	Tarmac	132	-2	5.5	5.3	...
194	137	Tay Homes	182	...	5.8	4.0	11.6
115	63	Taylor Woodrw	107 †	-1	1.0	1.2	...
533	453	Tilbury Dougls	522	+8	33.0	8.3	-
25	19	Torex Hire	24	...	...	2.1	...
221	168	Travis Perkins	221	+5	8.0	4.6	-
38	30	Try Group	37 †	...	1.0	3.4	10.5
28	26	Tudor	28 †	...	...	1.1	...
68	41	Vibroplant	61	...	3.6	7.4	11.2
42	20	Ward Hldgs	42	...	...	...	...
36	25	Warehouse	28	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	435	...	0.7	3.1	-
14	8	Wescola	13	...	...	...	...
152	40	Westbury	136	+1	...	4.5	...
12	4½	West Scaffolding	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
481	371	Wilson Bowdn	451 †	...	8.7	2.4	30.9
205	147	Wilson (C)	204	-1	3.9	2.4	-
184	107	Wimpey G	173	-1	5.2	3.8	-
42	25	YRM	39	...	4.0	...	4.5

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	570	+7	...	...	-
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London	67	...	...	6.7	8.1
50	37	African Lakes	44 †	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Auto Sec	169 †	+1	5.3	3.9	-
108	84	BET Ord	101	...	...	8.0	14.8
80	41	BNB Res	80	...	4.9	7.7	-
318	258	BPP	288	...	8.0	3.5	15.9
285	245	Barbour Index	245	-5	7.2	3.7	18.2
20	15	Boustead	18	...	0.7	5.0	-
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	223	-2	...	2.2	18.6
14	11	Broadcastle	14	...	...	...	11.2
73	54	Brooks Service	66	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	89	-1	2.4	3.4	10.2
173	139½	Capita Group	169	-1	...	1.6	8.8
40	31	Caskets Plc	37	...	0.5	1.7	14.1
55	40	Chiltern Capital	49½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	46	...	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	273	...	...	1.3	30.2
39	18	Comac	36	...	...	5.4	-
18½	6½	Corp Services	16½	-½	...	...	...
80	30	Dart	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	224	...	...	4.3	-
104	85	BW Facts	90	-4	4.3	5.8	10.6
25	11	Gardiner	23	...	0.6	3.6	15.9
44	20	Gardiner (DC)	41	...	...	...	...
246	225½	Hays	232 †	-2	4.6	2.5	22.8
220	175	Hogg Robinsn	194	...	6.3	4.1	14.6
70	55	Holmes Protecn	56	+1	...	...	3.6
164	127	Hutch Whamp	161	...	...	2.9	-
£120¾	9650	ISS B DKr	£102¼	+8¼	...	1.1	14.3
637	532	Inchcape	590 †	-6	...	2.9	20.0
863	669	Johnson Clean	825	...	25.7	3.9	-
12	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	210	...	2.7	1.6	17.3
1187	893	Manpower	1033	...	...	...	...
44½	40½	Michael Page	41 †	...	1.8	5.5	17.4
279	217	Pennas	273	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	105	-2	12.0	15.2	-
423	375	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.6	12.9
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
89	43	Reed Executive	89	...	...	...	...
156	114	Reliance Sec	114	-1	...	4.9	11.5
238	197	Rentokil	201	...	2.3	1.4	25.1
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	264	-1	6.2	2.9	17.7
399	343	Salvesen (C)	373	...	7.0	2.3	20.6
35	29	Scot Pickford	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	188	-2	9.4	6.2	10.0
6	5	Select Appt	6	...	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	983	...	14.0	1.8	27.2
352	252	Sherwd Cmpt	296	-6	...	3.0	-
130	92	Stenchley	92	...	3.0	4.1	11.2
355	310	Warner Howrd	310	...	...	2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	27	-1	0.6	2.8	...
26	14	Wills Gp	26	...	...	0.5	35.6

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	223	Allied Colloids	226	-1	3.9	2.2	18.0
759	613	Amersham	668	-16	12.5	2.3	24.8
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
£101¼	8325	BASF DM	8825	-34½	...	7.9	...
275	221	BTP	269	-6	9.3	4.7	19.7
£119	£102¾	Bayer DM50	£103	-25	...	5.6	...
173	134	Blagden	170	...	9.5	7.0	18.3
165	137	Brent Chems	140	-7	7.4	6.6	-
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	435	...	...	...	...
29	18	Cairn Gp	23½	...	1.3	7.1	-
153	126	Canning (W)	127 †	...	7.2	7.2	14.6
608	533½	Courtaulds	558	-4	15.0	2.9	15.2
281	228	Croda	225 †	-3	7.75	3.5	-
146	121	Doeflex	131	...	4.6	4.4	10.0
202	175	Ellis & Everard	193	-7	7.0	4.6	17.6
28	15½	Euro Colour	25½	...	0.6	3.2	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
230	194	Hickson	229 †	-1	5.0	4.4	-
£114¾	9850	Hoechst	9812½	...	...	4.0	...
216	195	Holliday Chem	214	...	...	2.2	19.7
1297	1048	ICI	1264½	-8	55.0	5.4	31.4
689	581	Laporte	650	-2	19.5	3.9	-
223	184	Leigh	164	-4	7.8	5.3	15.0
19½	8	MTM	9	...	...	...	...
1650	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1650	-25	...	1.7	...
420	373	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.3
375	360	-do- 'A'	370	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
296	254	Plysu	267	-1	6.0	2.8	18.0
210	173	Porvair	209	...	3.6	2.2	22.3
13	7½	Sutcliffe Speak	9½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	442 †	...	16.0	4.5	17.8
490	395	Wistnholme R	445 †	...	17.0	4.8	15.2
395	368	Yorks Chem	395	...	...	2.4	22.2
306	240	Yule Catto	293 †	-4	5.9	2.5	-

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	89	-2	3.0	4.2	...
87	42	Amber Day	77	-1	3.1	5.1	20.8
319	257	Argos Plc	297	...	...	2.9	20.4
104	69	Ashley (Laura)	98	...	0.1	0.1	-
305	278	Asprey	285	+2	...	2.1	23.1
245	188	Austin Reed	238	-5	5.0	2.7	-
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	143	+5	6.0	5.4	-
121	97	Bentalls	111	...	1.9	2.2	-
273	208	Betterware	260	-10	...	0.6	35.8
34	22	Blacks Leis	26	-2	3.3	...	5.4
227	133	Body Shop	209	-1	1.6	1.0	24.1
16	12	Brown & Jackson	15½	-½	...	0.6	-
401	318	Brown (N)	351	-7	7.0	2.5	-
84	64½	Burton	78½	-1	...	3.2	...
145	126	Cannons	144	...	...	2.3	19.1
355	295	Church	353	-2	12.5	4.4	31.4
183	97	Clinton Cards	156 †	-1	4.2	3.4	18.8
247	212	Coats Viyella	231	-6	...	3.9	25.3
106	78	Colourvision	86	...	...	...	14.5
492	374	Courts Furnish	492	+3	5.0	1.3	24.7
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	5.6	6.3
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	93	-1	...	3.6	-
65	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	63 †	...	1.0	2.0	20.2
281	194½	Dixons Grp	265	-9	6.0	3.7	24.1
405	320	Dunhill	405	...	7.7	2.4	14.0
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400	...	16.0	5.2	-
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
235	203	Etam	234	...	6.9	3.8	-
562	499	Fine Art Dev	545	...	11.0	2.5	20.9
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Formminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn	50	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabbicci	42	...	2.0	...	8.4
65	43	Gem SR	49	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
45	23	Goldsmiths Gp	45	...	1.8	...	...
2913	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1725	1563	-do- 'A'	1650	-10	40.0	3.0	13.1
40	34	Hampden Grp	35 †	...	...	1.6	17.3
277	94	Harstone	97	+1	4.8	6.3	5.9
25½	20	Helene Plc	20½	...	2.0	12.5	-
42	28	Heritage	40	...	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle	56	...	...	2.2	8.2
192	128	Hse of Lerose	192	...	10.3	6.7	-
93	63	Jacques Vert	88	-4	2.0	...	...
605	496	Kingfisher	591	-8	...	2.9	16.7
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	69	...	4.0	7.2	14.2
685	495	Liberty	655	...	7.2	1.4	-
320	265	Lloyds Chem	315	-4	5.5	2.2	12.4
152	120	MFI	137	-2	...	3.4	18.3
360	311	Marks Spencer	344½	-1½	7.1	2.6	21.0
500	445	Menzies (John)	495	...	10.0	2.5	16.6
175	135	Moss Bros	172	...	5.5	4.1	-
174	139½	Next	163	-2½	2.3	1.9	-
30	15	Oliver (G)	30	...	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	215	...	...	5.6	14.0
63	45	Pentos	51	...	1.5	3.7	10.5
313	259	QS Hldgs	287	...	5.1	2.3	30.2
26	11	Ramars Group	25½	-½	2.4	11.8	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	29½	...	...	...	-
135	120	Rosebys	135	...	4.3	4.0	-
174	137	Sherwood Gp	169 †	...	2.6	1.9	-
108	93	Sears	103½	-½	3.5	4.3	-
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	447	-4	13.4	3.7	15.7
14½	4½	Specialeyes	9	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	209	...	5.0	3.0	...
191	149½	T & S Stores	149½	-1½	5.9	4.9	11.1
133	71	Tie Rack	126	...	...	1.0	20.5
213	160	Time Products	199	...	7.5	4.7	19.5
100	63	Usher (Frank)	90	...	...	6.9	7.1
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	35	Wensum	37	...	...	6.4	-
117	78	Wickes	109	...	...	...	48.3
60	45	Wld of Leather	50	...	...	...	...
192	149	Wyevale	190	-1	...	2.6	-
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	3.7

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	162	-3	4.5	3.5	15.9
238	223	Acal	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Comp	93	-3	...	...	47.1
480	385	Admiral	438	...	5.4	1.5	18.5
131	104	Alba	129	...	4.7	4.6	16.9
43	19½	Alphameric	40	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34	...	0.4	...	...
128	78	App Holo	78	-5	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	14	...	...	...	...
53½	35½	Astec	51½	-½	...	...	-
290	250	Bestes Hunter	276	-1	9.2	4.2	14.6
6	3	Bennett & Fountn	5½	...	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	352 †	-1	19.2	6.8	23.9
575	455	Blick	485	+1	9.2	2.4	18.9
1660	1150	Borland	1450	+12	...	...	...
319	274	Bowthorpe	307	-3	6.3	2.6	-
446½	376	BT	404½	-1	14.4	4.4	15.1
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.7	...
151	110	Burnfield	140	...	5.7	5.1	22.1
760	669	Cable Wireless	698	-1	13.2	2.4	21.6
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
103	74	Comptr People	103	...	0.6	0.8	...
151	108½	Cray Elec	142½	-½	...	0.4	11.7
335	243	Critchley	315	...	...	2.4	22.3
119	96	Dale	104	...	5.1	6.1	10.1
531	414	Delta	508	-1	14.0	3.4	-
296	205	Denmans Ele	285	...	...	2.7	12.1
620	480	Domino	515	...	7.2	1.7	17.6
65	48	Dowding Mills	55 †	...	2.5	5.7	18.1
1030	965	Druck	1030	...	...	1.1	25.1
411	358	Electrocomps	388	-5	7.0	2.3	21.0
573	470	El Data Prc	558	...	5.1	1.1	15.3
86	43	Electron House	81	-1	2.3	3.6	24.7
23½	10½	Ernest	23½	+½	0.1	0.5	-
587	442	Eurotherm	576	...	8.0	1.7	26.2
136	108	FKI	134	...	2.1	2.1	25.9
391	340	Farnell Elect	377	-6	6.2	2.1	-
51	35	Feedback	51	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	14½	-½	...	...	...
105	101	First Tech	101	+1	...	...	...
221	191	Forward Gp	221 †	+1	...	1.9	-
21	17	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
328½	264	GEC	313	-2	9.6	3.8	16.6
182	132	Graseby	175	-3	10.9	7.8	-
39	39	Hillcaz	39	...	...	1.6	12.7
129	85	INSTEM	125	+1	...	3.1	9.1
386	330	Jones Stroud	387	...	8.0	2.6	16.9
10	8	Kembrey	9	-1	0.3	5.2	3.4
321	260	Kenwood App	310	-1	...	...	16.4
181	47	Kewill Sys	154	-2	...	...	7.7
203	100	Kode	179	+1	5.5	3.8	21.2
50	16	Laser-Scan	40	-3	...	...	-
365	122	LBMS	335	+2	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	268 †	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	138	Life Sciences	138	-1	3.5	3.2	15.0
227	164	Logica	225	-1	3.6	2.0	26.5
54	44	LPA Ind	46	...	...	9.6	13.0
212	183	MR Data Mngmt	184	-1	4.3	2.9	17.6
673	523	Macro 4	658	...	...	2.4	22.1
630	527	Marvier-Swa	601	...	...	1.9	19.7
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2068	+65	...	...	19.0
227	188	Microgen	193	-3	7.2	4.7	13.1
34½	24	Microvitec	25	-1	...	...	...
514	357	Mitys	477	...	6.1	1.6	21.8
151	98	Mitel	143	+8	...	...	...
139	109	MMT Comp	109	...	...	4.0	13.8
27	19	Molynx	19	...	...	8.6	1.8
272	202	MTL Inst	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
166	134	Multitone Elect	134	...	3.0	2.8	16.4
149	116	Murray Enter	147	...	1.8	1.6	68.3
6412½	5350	NYNEX	5350	...	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
63	42	Newmark (L)	63	...	...	...	...
112	58	Norbain	112	...	...	1.1	16.8
42	20	Northamber	39	...	0.5	1.6	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
248	195	Oxford Inst	245	-2	4.3	2.2	16.5
72	48	P-E Intern'l	64	+2	1.0	2.0	...
75	29	P & P	73	...	1.4	2.4	38.8
80	55	Peek	76	...	3.4	5.8	19.2
190	115	Pegasus	167	...	...	4.8	42.3
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	6.4	...	...
1080	725	-do- Lmp nv	962½	+50	...	...	...
452	343	Pifco	447	...	7.2	2.2	37.9
432	303	-do- 'A' Voting	427	...	7.7	2.3	36.2
96	70	Plasmec	70	...	...	6.9	-
104	76	Pressac	88	...	2.4	3.4	17.8
126	103	Psion	126 †	+10	...	2.5	33.5
11	6½	Ptarmigan	10 #	...	...	...	...
224	160	Racal Elect	201	-7	1.5	0.9	23.8
60	45	Radamec	58	...	1.0	3.3	-
70	43	Radius	58	...	...	5.8	20.0
92	61	Real Time	66	+2	...	5.7	0.0
29	18	Riva	24	...	...	...	...
639	488	Sage Gp	593	...	9.0	1.9	18.9
66	49	Scantronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
142	117	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.3	21.2
330	220	Sema Gp	295	...	2.8	1.2	23.8
39	26	Silvermines	35	...	...	8.3	...
45	37	Soundtracks	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2337½	+21½	...	1.2	23.4
27	4½	TDS Circuits	15	-2	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	140	-3	0.6	0.5	48.8
899	809	THORN EMI	837	-1	30.1	4.5	21.6
111	96	Thorpe FW	105	...	2.5	3.0	10.8
103	75	Total Systems	82	-½	2.2	3.4	14.6
429	372	Tunstall	405	-5	6.0	1.9	16.2
256	164	Unitech	241	-4	5.8	3.0	43.2
11½	6	Verity	8	...	...	...	...
37½	24	Vistec	29½	+½	...	1.3	25.1
434	367	Vodafone	380	+6	...	1.9	18.6
441	374	Volex	385	-4	...	5.5	19.5
22	11	Western Selecm	20	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Fttgs	253	-1	11.7	5.8	34.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	442	-2	17.3	4.8	8.5
486	399	Eastern Elect	454	-3	16.7	4.6	11.3
356	304	Hydro-Elect	323	-3	10.1	3.9	11.5
500½	404	London Elect	450	-6	16.8	4.7	8.7
549	458	Manweb	509	-8	18.2	4.5	7.3
514	424½	Midlands Elec	465	-9	17.2	4.6	9.8
549	440	Northern Elec	495	-5	18.5	4.7	7.4
544	439	Norweb	497	-6	17.7	4.5	9.4
337	285	Scottish Power	303	-4	10.1	4.2	11.3
529	436	Seeboard	481	-5	17.2	4.5	8.7
571	469	Sth Wales	524	-11	19.4	4.6	8.3
532	436	Sth Western	478	-9	17.4	4.6	8.6
496	406	Southern Elec	453	-4	16.6	4.6	9.0
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	502	-5	17.7	4.4	9.3
354½	273	National Powr	321	-2	9.1	3.5	10.6
353	273	PowerGen	324	-4	...	4.1	10.1

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	52	Aitken Hume	52	-2	0.5	...	33.2
75	47	BWD	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
90	26	Baltic Plc	84	...	1.0	1.5	-
453	429	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.4	11.8
258	243	Candover	243	...	10.2	5.3	17.2
91	71	Flemech	87	...	...	...	8.6
303	155	Gowett	283	+3	...	5.3	8.8
146	125	Ivory Sime	145	...	...	5.4	15.2
6½	3½	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaiting	203	...	8.4	5.3	14.4
57	47	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
11	3½	Nat Home Loan	10½	-½	...	...	...
49	40	Newmarket	48	...	...	...	...
272	246	Rathbone Brs	272	+1	6.0	2.8	16.5
22	17	Rotland Tst	21	+1½	0.8	4.8	-
330	258	S & U	258	-2	10.0	5.0	-
67	48	Singer & Fried	61 †	+2	2.6	5.2	-
938	788	Sotheby's	800	-25	...	4.7	...
106	83	SJP Capital	102	-1	3.0	3.7	18.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1793½	+18½	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	217	+1	6.7	3.9	29.6
976	835	Henderson Ad	909	-2	41.0	5.6	20.0
121	92	Invesco MIM	115 †	-2	3.0	3.3	-
218	164	Jardine Strat	156½	-1	...	3.9	9.2
194	154	MAI	198	...	6.0	4.0	13.7
469	399	MAM	455	...	11.5	3.2	18.2
799	633	M & G	787	-3	20.0	3.2	20.9
225	115	Smith New Ct	214	-1	4.5	2.6	8.5
73	55	Trio Hldgs	76	...	...	4.9	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	472	-5	14.0	3.8	10.6
77½	53	ASDA Group	69	-½	...	2.9	22.3
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	205	...	6.5	4.0	11.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	66	+2	3.7	7.3	10.7
407	320	Argyll	330	...	9.7	3.7	13.0
25	12	Ashley Group	13	...	...	5.4	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	137 †	...	8.0	7.3	-
210	160	Banks (S C)	210	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
402	310	Barr (AG)	371	-4	6.5	2.2	19.7
85	57	Bensons Crsps	64 †	...	...	5.6	14.4
135	112½	Berisford Intl	128 #	...	...	...	...
455	363	Booker	375 †	-3	...	7.3	13.3
50	35	Borthwick	46½	-½	1.1	3.0	32.4
488	430	Brake Bros	482	-1	...	1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	50	...	...	...	17.0
511	444	Cadbury-Schw	462	-1	...	3.6	17.2
89	78	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	5.8	16.8
207	178	Crantswick	197	-3	...	5.0	13.9
20	8½	Cullens	15½	...	0.5	4.0	8.3
384	168	Dalepak	205	...	6.0	3.7	9.3
491	433	Dalgety	440 †	-4	19.5	5.5	12.8
50	27	Daniels S	47 †	...	0.2	0.7	...
134	122	Everest	133	...	...	3.3	18.4
295	289	Farepak	292	...	...	2.1	20.7
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
92	78	Finlay (James)	82	...	4.1	6.3	15.4
125	78	Fyffes	100	-10	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	366	-68	8.1	2.8	-
12	7	Global	10 †	...	...	6.3	15.6
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
201	147	Hazlewood Fds	201	+2	6.1	3.8	12.2
171	131	Hillsdown	163 †	-1	...	6.7	12.8
750	616	Iceland Frozen	663 †	-7	10.0	1.8	20.3
131	111	IMI Group	113	...	4.5	5.0	16.3
853	731	Kwik Save	779	+1	16.0	2.6	14.8
282	205	Low (Wm)	208	...	8.4	5.1	9.9
58	41	Matthews (B)	50	...	2.2	5.6	32.7
16	12½	Merchant Retail	14½	...	1.1	10.0	34.6
174	151	Morrison (W)	152	...	...	0.7	19.7
538	445	Nichols (JN)	505	...	13.6	3.3	14.7
280	250	Nurn Foods	251	-5	...	3.9	13.8
22	14	Nihalidri Fn	15	-1	...	...	6.3
229	172	Nurdin Peack	208	-1	6.1	3.8	-
241	205	Park Foods	225	...	3.2	1.8	26.9
115	83	Perkins Food	109	...	4.4	5.0	-
96½	47	PizzaExpress	75	+1	...	0.8	43.1
3½	1½	Regina Hldg	3½	...	...	...	...
584	452	Sainsbury J	455	-6	8.7	2.4	17.0
68	33	Senlty Farms	56	...	...	2.2	13.1
225	170	Sims Food	173	...	11.2	8.1	9.3
439	391	Tate & Lyle	397	-6	12.0	3.8	12.4
273	216	Tesco	218 †	+½	7.1	4.1	-
221	167	Thorntons	172	...	3.6	2.7	16.0
183	103	Tresta	173	...	...	2.6	19.7
375	300	Unigate	354	...	15.3	5.3	12.8
431	340½	Utd Biscuits	430	-1	...	4.6	21.7
25	21½	Usborne	23	...	0.4	2.2	14.0
337	248	Watson & Phil	309	-1	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Ho	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	82 †	...	1.5	2.4	-
209	170	Forte	193 †	...	7.5	4.9	-
199	155	Friendly Hotels	166	...	5.7	4.4	-
9	6½	Harmony Leis	8	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	105	...	...	5.8	12.4
215	154	Ladbroke	180	-2	...	8.7	21.1
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	67	+1	...	4.7	-
59	44	Queens Moat	47 #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% Cvpf	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	1½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	41	...	3.4	10.5	8.0
24	11½	Ryan Hotels R	16½	...	...	8.3	9.9
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	755 †	...	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	49½	+½	...	3.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
213	178	AAF Inds	198 †	...	...	5.6	12.1
616	487	AAH	494	...	16.3	4.1	15.7
172	140	AIM	141	...	6.5	5.8	8.7
132	100	APV	109	-½	5.4	6.2	-
183	81	ASW	182	...	6.0	4.1	...
155	124	Adwest	154 †	...	7.0	5.7	21.9
19	10	Aerospace Eng	16	-3	1.0	...	9.7
468	434	Airsprung	462	+2	7.5	2.0	12.6
137	113	Alendra W	137	+1	3.8	3.5	-
13½	7	Allied Radio	7	...	...	...	...
529	415	Alumasc	529	...	11.0	2.6	16.2
35	17	Alvis	35	...	1.0	3.8	6.8
420	345	Amber Ind	365	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
38	18	Amberley Gp	31	+1	...	4.0	...
145	128	Andrews Sykes	141	...	4.4	3.9	...
893	703	Antofagasta	863	...	...	2.4	-
50½	37	Armour	45	...	1.4	4.1	13.2
170	143	Ash & Lacy	159	...	6.4	5.0	16.3
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	0.0	...	...
555	445	Avon Rubber	542	+6	16.5	3.8	21.1
235	168	Assoc Nursgs	216	...	...	...	8.3
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	671	...	...	4.2	16.5
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	38	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	157	-1	...	6.0	-
51	28	BLP Group	51	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	26 †	...	5.0	...	1.1
770	691	BOC	695	...	23.2	4.2	15.2
79½	62	BSG	67½	...	...	6.3	-
480	383	BSS Group	450	...	...	4.8	18.0
621	530	BTR	592	-5	...	3.8	19.4
221	188	BWI	193 †	...	6.7	4.3	18.6
41½	31	Babcock	35½	-1	3.1	...	7.4
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	256	+3	8.9	4.3	17.8
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	593½	...	...	5.8	3.3
7	7	Barrett (R)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	57	...	1.4	3.1	-
15	5	Beaufort	7	+½	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham	7½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (Wm)	30	...	...	...	...
27½	19½	Benson Group	21	...	0.1	0.6	19.4
707	541	Bespak	544	...	9.0	2.1	17.0
133	110	Bibby (J)	121	+3	9.7	10.7	6.7
300	129	Billam (J)	243	-5	5.0	2.6	-
39½	21½	Bilston Burnes	32	...	...	...	...
11½	7½	Bimec Ind	7½	-½	0.6	...	...
158	126	Biddy	150	-2	...	0.8	...
44	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	164	-3	2.9	2.2	16.9
196	129	Bluebird Toys	182	...	...	3.1	11.4
587	494	Bodycote	576	-5	10.0	2.2	-
563	446	Boots	446	-5	...	3.8	16.7
61	45	Booth Inds	49	...	3.2	8.2	5.1
517	435½	Bowater	478	-11	11.5	3.0	18.9
1682	1336	Bowater Inc	1338 †	-12	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Intl	236 †	-3	...	1.9	17.7
19	12½	Brasway	16	...	0.5	4.5	20.7
268	204	Brammer	256 †	...	13.0	6.3	-
16½	12	Bridgend Gp	15½	...	1.2	...	7.0
100	84	Bridon	89	...	4.0	5.8	-
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	69 †	...	4.1	7.4	12.9
38	31	Brierley Inv	34	...	...	9.3	8.4
308	273	Br Bldg & Eng	273	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Bloodstock	50	...	...	...	...
500	417	Br Polythene	500 †	+1	...	2.5	17.9
97	54	Br Steel	91	-3	...	1.4	...
120	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
14½	11½	Br Thornton	13½	-½	...	2.3	...
268	216	Br Vita	226	-2	7.1	4.0	13.0
13	6½	Brixton Grp	11½	...	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	627	-7	...	2.9	29.5
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	102	...	4.0	4.9	14.1
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	8½	...	...	...	...
75	51	Brown & Tawse	68	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	108	...	6.0	7.0	18.5
26	16	Business Tech	18	...	...	...	21.7
28	17	CI Group	24	...	1.0	5.2	-
20	15	Campbell & Arm	23	-1	2.0	...	...
16½	6½	Cannon St	16½	...	...	...	...
240	205	Cape	231	-3	10.5	5.7	14.7
228	178	Carclo Eng	225	-2	...	3.8	18.9
2868	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2388	...	...	2.8	-
78	68	Cassidy Bros	70	...	...	4.3	7.8
167	158	Castings	166	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	140	...	6.0	5.4	8.4
707	609	Charter Cons	636	-1	21.5	4.2	15.3
270	230	Chemring	258	...	...	4.0	15.5
92	69	Chieftain Gp	71	...	5.1	9.0	15.2
30	17	Chillington	23½	...	0.5	2.6	...
188	144	Christies Int	180	-1	1.5	1.0	-
61	34	Clayhithe	56	...	2.5	5.6	...
90	70	Clayton Son	70	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
223	179	Community H	180	...	6.5	4.5	11.2
246	186½	Concentric	221	...	...	3.2	17.7
176	120	Cook (Wm)	159	-1	10.0	...	10.6
215	182	Cookson	208	-5	...	3.6	-
45	38	Copymore	45	...	...	7.5	5.8
238	173	Crowell Pkr 'A'	174	...	5.7	4.1	14.9
178	147	Cosalt	158	...	10.7	8.5	24.0
224	160	Creighton Nt	178	-12	...	4.9	12.9
44	27	CrestaCare	42	-1	0.5	1.5	-
3456½	2993½	Dana	3137½ #	...	...	...	...
698	314	Danka Bu Sys	698	+38	3.7	0.7	21.5
16	5	Davies (DY)	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	693	...	15.0	2.7	21.2
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21 †	...	0.9	5.7	16.7
481	391	Diploma	454	-1	9.7	2.7	23.6
65	50	Dobson Park	63	...	5.7	11.4	11.3
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.0
65	57	-do- 'A'	64	...	5.0	9.8	9.2
18	9	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
421	369	EIS	370	...	...	3.9	-
15½	9½	EIT Gp	9 #	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	27	-1	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	30	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	2012½	+42½	...	2.8	-
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	424	Eng China Cl	435	-3	20.0	5.7	-
2512½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2512½	+50	...	1.2	-
76	27	Erskine Hse	36	-1	...	7.9	3.6
44	32	Eurocopy	43	...	1.6	4.7	16.7
78	47	Expamet	78	+5	3.2	5.2	-
635	499	Fairey Group	619 †	...	10.2	2.1	-
95	53	Fenner	85	...	4.2	6.2	16.0
68	33	Ferraris Group	66	...	...	1.9	15.1
1½	¼	Fenomet	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Fermon	23	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
40	28	Ffe Indmar	40	...	0.5	1.6	...
251	157	Fisons	167 †	+2	...	6.5	17.9
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	-2	...	11.5	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	40	Folkes Group nv	40	...	1.5	4.8	-
74	56	French (Thomas)	66	...	3.6	6.9	33.1
210	166½	Frost Group	186 †	-4	4.0	2.7	-
85	71	GEI Int	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
489	441	GKN	474	-8½	...	5.4	21.1
51	42	GR Hldgs	46 †	...	5.4	...	...
89	79	Garton Eng	89	+5	4.0	5.8	-
160	109	Gestetner	116	+2	8.2	8.8	5.1
36	23	Glaves	24	...	...	...	17.4
801	545	Glaxo	590	+3	17.0	3.6	16.4
26	16	Glenchewton	23½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	302	-3	11.6	4.9	-
95	66	Goode Durrant	93	...	5.4	7.3	19.7
134	82	Grampian Hd	128	-2	5.5	5.4	22.2
406	341	Granada	395	-2	7.7	2.4	21.0
359	301	Great Sthrn	359 †	...	...	3.8	14.8
93	78	Green (Ernst)	92	...	...	9.5	12.7
12	8½	Greenacre	11	...	3.2	-	...
17	8	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
42	30½	Haden Maclin	42½	...	2.0	6.0	-
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	66	...	...	...	...
216	115	Hall Eng	216	...	8.6	5.0	18.0
258	215	Halma	232	-3	2.2	1.2	28.7
49	30	Hampson Ind	37	...	2.3	...	10.0
265½	228	Hanson	230	-1	...	6.2	11.7
221	187	Harris (Philip)	212	...	...	4.0	15.0
186	147	Harrison Crsfld	172 †	-6	9.0	6.5	24.8
60	38	Havelock Euro	57	+1	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	31	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	23	...	0.7	3.8	12.1
366	301	Hepworth	360	+2	14.8	5.2	15.5
225	160	Hewitt (J)	220	...	5.0	1.7	17.2
38	15	High-Point	36	...	1.3	...	...
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
10	7	Robson	7	...	...	...	...
107	87	Holders Tech	107	...	7.0	-	...
44	30	Hopkinsons	40	...	1.3	4.1	...
167	138	Hornby	148	-2	...	7.6	14.0
13½	6	Hospital Crp	8	...	...	12.5	2.2
60	54½	Howden	68	...	...	4.0	10.5
231½	173	Hunting	204 †	...	...	6.1	-
1160	808	Hunslet Tec	1048	...	...	1.2	-
295	247	IMI	293	+1	10.0	4.3	-
108	90	ISA Intl	98 †	-1	1.5	1.9	15.2
205	179	Intercare Gp	185	-2	...	1.8	19.6
255	235	Isotron	250	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
493	380	Jardine Math	437	+1	...	2.7	-
537	438	Johnson Matth	464	-4	9.6	2.6	19.3
64	51½	Johnson & FB	52	...	3.0	7.2	16.0
136	104	Johnston	123	...	3.2	3.3	-
32	19	James Shipman	24	...	...	...	...
31	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
54	26	Kalamazoo	51	...	...	...	42.0
172½	73	Kalon	172½	+½	3.2	2.3	-
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	5.8	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	510	...	27.0	6.6	20.5
125	75	Kleeneze	118	-1	...	...	...
118	61	LGW	118	...	3.0	3.2	9.3
303	266	Laird	291	...	10.5	4.5	-
136	105	Lee (Arthur)	133	...	5.9	5.5	56.5
136	110	Lilleshall	128	...	4.2	4.2	15.8
153	97	Lincat	148	...	...	4.3	12.8
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	18	...	...	...	14.8
128	76	Linread	105 †	...	3.7	4.5	16.2
208	170	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	9.3	-
14½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	1.0	7.4	53.5
274	191	Lon Intl	201	+1	8.4	5.9	13.7
104	70	Lonrho	101½	-1½	...	4.9	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	335	...	...	3.4	-
343	283	MB-Caradon	301 †	-1	8.6	3.6	-
169½	140½	-do- pf	156 †	-1	7.2	5.8	...
25	14½	ML Hldgs	20	-1	1.8	...	19.3
35	27	MS Intl	34	...	2.5	9.2	47.5
30	19	MY Holdings	41 †	...	3.0	12.5	...
263	236	Macfarlane	258 †	...	4.7	2.3	25.6
430	379	McKechnie	414	-1	14.7	4.5	20.3
106	88	McLeod Russel	100	...	6.0	7.5	12.2
10½	6½	Maddox	6½	...	...	...	...
74	64	Magnolia	64 †	-2	0.1	0.2	-
106	71	Marie Bronze	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	23½	...	0.3	...	...
170	124	Mayborne	168 †	-3	...	3.7	13.0
54	29	Mayflower	52 †	-1	...	3.0	-
236	191½	Medeva	230	-½	...	1.3	17.0
103½	88	Meggitt	97½ #	-1½	3.7	4.8	-
130	111	Metalr	114	...	4.0	4.4	16.8
76	70	Meneca	71	...	...	...	...
77	29	Midstates	69	...	...	1.4	-
21½	14	Mining & Aid	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
488	368	Molins	456	...	14.0	3.8	-
345	262	Morgan Crbl	274 †	-10	12.6	5.7	-
145	134	Morris Ashby	134	-1	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	25	...	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53 †	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
164	132	Nobo Gp	164	...	3.5	2.7	20.0
173	127½	Norcros	168	-1	7.0	5.2	28.8
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	1.0	...	...
329	310	Nu-Swift	311	...	...	8.0	8.6
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	33	...	1.7	8.9	...
140	120	PCT	133	...	...	7.1	-
48	44	Pacer Systems	44 †	...	...	8.3	...
138	110	Pentland	110	...	...	2.8	-
380	310	Photo-Me	340	...	4.4	1.6	17.8
137	97½	Pilkington	134	-2	6.0	5.6	48.8
32	19	Platon	29	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plantsbrook	71	...	3.0	5.4	10.9
150	126	Polypipe	144	...	1.9	1.7	20.8
517	469	Portals	469	-4	14.5	3.9	-
32	19	Porter Chadburn	23	...	2.5	13.6	5.7
7½	5½	Porth Gp	6½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	343	-1	6.0	2.2	19.4
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.8
54	33½	RPS Group	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radlants Metal	85	...	...	...	...
148	77	Ramco Oil	120	-3	...	2.1	...
746	636	Rank Org	710	...	31.0	5.5	19.4
33	21	Ransomes	28	...	...	...	...
657	563	Reckitt Colm	581	+6	...	3.5	23.3
77	50	Record	75	-1	3.6	6.2	35.7
4	2½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
169	131	Relyon	161	...	4.9	3.7	-
303	275	Renishaw	289	...	6.5	2.8	22.1
61	55	Renold	60	...	1.0	2.1	...
1438	1240	Reuters	1244	-1	21.2	2.1	20.6
30	24½	Rexmore	28	...	1.7	7.8	6.9
120	91	Ricardo Group	117	...	5.7	6.1	32.9
68	58	Richard (Leics)	69	...	4.4	8.4	-
78	63	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.0	-
128	109	Ropner	127	+1	8.2	8.4	17.3
122	97	-do- 'A'	117	...	8.2	9.2	15.9
38	28	Ross Gp	34 †	...	0.6	2.4	13.9
448	395	Rotork	444 †	+4	11.1	3.1	-
135	100	Rubicon	127	...	...	1.5	...
65	47	Russell (A)	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
25	15	SEP Indl	25	...	0.6	3.3	...
800	625	SKF 'B'	762½	+31½	...	...	...
312	222	Sanderson Elec	302	+2	9.0	3.7	12.9
78	39	Savage	76	...	...	0.4	...
45	39	Saville Grdn (J)	40	...	2.2	6.9	15.8
248	218	Scapa	218	-1	5.3	3.1	17.8
228	192	Scholl	208 †	...	6.3	3.8	-
6½	4	Sem Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	919	...	2.6	0.4	35.0
668	565	-do- 'A'	565	...	2.6	0.6	21.5
565	467	Security Serv	468	...	5.0	1.3	21.2
99½	77	Senior Eng	99½ #	+3	3.1	4.0	-
361	306	Seton Health	338	...	...	1.9	21.7
68	42	Sheldon Jones	60	...	...	...	...
116	88	Shiloh	108	-6	2.9	3.4	-
361	295	Sidlaw	297	...	10.0	4.2	13.8
501	427	Siebe	468	...	...	2.4	19.7
305	220	Silentnight	304	+2	8.0	3.4	-
121	102	Sime Darby	109	...	...	3.8	13.4
142	92	Simon Eng	107	-3	5.0	5.8	24.5
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	238	...	7.0	3.7	15.2
47	42	Six Hundred	45	...	2.5	6.9	...
164	147½	Smith & Neph	148	...	...	4.0	19.3
513	389	SmithKline	469	-12	8.6	2.3	16.9
496	340	SmithKline Uts	417	-4	...	3.2	14.9
394	320	Smiths Ind	349	-5	11.2	4.1	14.1
140	79	Sthn Bus	81	...	3.3	5.2	7.7
380	265	Spandex	380	...	...	2.2	...
475	300	Spear (JW)	470	...	4.0	3.8	8.6
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	343 †	...	9.3	3.4	...
145	55	Spring Ram	82 †	+1	0.3	0.5	-
270	229	Staveley	229	...	8.2	4.5	13.3
147	126	Sterling Ind	138	-2	5.6	5.1	17.3
20	11	Stonehill	18	...	...	...	...
154	97	Suter	139	-1	8.8	7.9	-
320	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	312	-3	...	2.8	-
7	5	Sycamore	6 †	...	...	...	...
78	56	Sykes-Pick	57	...	...	...	...
265	240	Syltone	265	...	9.4	4.5	12.2
198	164	T & N	180 †	...	10.6	7.5	-
333	279	TI	316	-5	...	4.2	19.5
18	12	TLS Range	13	...	...	2.5	...
283	219	TT Group	283	+3	6.0	2.7	-
249	220	Takare	236	+1	1.8	1.0	-
815	618	Takeda Chem	801	+9	...	0.6	21.2
31	24	Tex Hldgs	30	...	...	...	...
82	70	Tinsley (E)	82	...	...	7.9	9.6
220	150	Thion	220	+2	...	2.0	19.1
271	236	Tomkins	236	-7	...	3.4	16.6
96	67	Trafalgar H	95	+3	...	4.3	6.9
95½	65½	-do- 'A'	94	+2½	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	508	+8	16.0	4.0	12.6
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	182	...	7.0	4.8	16.7
253	221	UniChem	229 †	-3	5.6	3.1	-
305	275½	Unidare	305 †	...	...	7.0	9.1
35	11½	Unigroup	33	...	...	...	...
1249	1050	Unilever	1089	+2	21.3	2.4	14.8
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7200	-75	...	3.0	10.5
700	513	VSEL	700	+5	25.0	4.5	8.1
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
141	95½	Vickers	140	...	...	1.3	...
367	303	Vicranic	324	...	7.8	3.0	-
364	283	Vinten	352	...	7.0	2.5	-
532	427	Vosper Thorny	532	...	13.1	3.1	12.8
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	2.9	8.4	-
468	410	Wagon Ind	422	...	...	5.0	16.3
86	71	Walker Greenbk	85	...	3.1	4.7	21.2
243	201	Wassall	235	-3	2.5	1.3	23.7
35	22	Wrford Wdgwd	32	...	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	643	-2	11.8	2.3	-
993	658	Wellcome	728	-11	13.0	2.2	20.1
29½	22½	Wellman	23	...	2.2	...	8.6
495	460	Waxman	490 †	...	9.5	2.4	16.6
353	267	Whessoe	348	...	...	2.9	13.5
10½	4	Wheway	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	37	Whitecroft	41	...	4.0	...	4.1
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
76	44	Wilkes (James)	70	...	3.5	6.3	20.4
365	313	Williams Hldg	329 †	-10	12.5	4.8	17.2
49	17	Wilshaw	28½	...	0.4	1.8	23.6
620	533	Wolseley	603	-6	12.5	2.6	20.6
190	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	43	...	2.8	...	24.6
58	38	Young (H)	53	...	3.0	7.1	19.4

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1631½	-18½	...	3.9	...
2275	1793	Am Gen	1887½	...	...	3.7	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	35	...	4.4	15.7	17.0
148	122	Bradstock	125	-1	5.1	5.1	15.4
1475	1078	Britannic	1413 †	-7	33.5	3.0	...
641	561	Com Union	574	-13	...	5.3	...
1450	1225	Dom & Gen	1445	...	...	1.6	23.9
22	18	FAI	20	-1	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	554 †	-6	26.7	6.0	...
195	160	GRE	178	-8	7.0	4.9	14.8
370	293	Heath C E	318	...	16.0	6.3	18.7
195	168	Hogg Gp	192	...	8.1	5.4	-
198	164	JIB Group	190	-1	7.5	4.9	19.2
493	408½	Legal & Gen	444	-2	...	5.4	62.4
1026	768	Liberty Life	827	-6	...	3.5	14.3
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	438	...	17.3	4.9	15.8
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	279 †	...	5.6	2.5	20.5
368	274	London & Man	346 †	...	14.2	5.1	-
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	349	...	12.6	4.5	13.9
6743½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5712½	-25	...	3.0	...
97	76	Oriel	77	...	...	8.1	5.7
68	50½	PWS	59	...	4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	312	-5	...	4.8	20.8
1138	800	Refuge	1030	-3	31.5	3.8	28.5
333	258	Royal	307	-9	...	2.1	...
183	153	Sedgwick	165	-7	6.0	4.5	19.9
261	208	Steel Burrill	208	-8	13.2	8.0	-
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	49	...	8.2	21.5	4.9
362	307	Sun Alliance	325	-7	14.2	5.5	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	59	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	287	...	12.0	5.2	26.6
773	499	Utd Friendly	680 †	+2	14.5	2.7	-
208	171	Willis Corroon	186	+5	...	4.4	...
20	13½	Windsor	18	-1	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1610	-5	45.0	3.5	-
260	226½	Amer Trust	230	-1	4.9	2.7	47.7
343	304	Ang & O'seas	339	-1	6.8	2.5	43.0
136½	124½	BZW Conv	124½	...	7.8	7.8	14.6
158	133½	Bankers	148 †	...	3.4	2.9	40.7
298	264	Baring Tribne	275	...	6.4	2.9	43.5
153	131	Berry Starq	153	...	2.2	1.8	-
106½	96½	Br Assets	99½	...	...	5.4	24.1
67	57½	Br Empire Sec	66½	...	0.8	1.7	67.5
17	14	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	168	...	4.5	3.3	42.2
164	130	Cntl Asset	155	...	2.4	1.9	51.6
195	145	Derby Inc	145	...	16.6	14.3	8.7
235	185	-do- Cap	236	...	...	...	...
119	92	Drayton Asia	116	...	0.7	0.8	...
98	60	-do- Blue Chip	98	...	8.4	16.1	7.3
60	35	-do- Eng Intl	60	...	1.2	2.5	...
113	84	-do- Far East	112	-½	0.6	0.7	...
108	95	-do- Korea	104	+1	0.5	0.6	...
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	598	-1	25.4	5.3	27.5
582	513	-do- Wrdle	569	-1	9.5	2.1	58.6
270	232	Dundee & Lon	250	...	12.0	6.0	23.1
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	49	...	4.8	12.4	8.8
54	51½	-do- Div Pf	52	...	...	...	...
274	290½	Edinburgh	263½	-½	8.4	4.1	-
155	141	Electric Gen	153	...	3.1	2.5	48.7
97	85	English Scot	96	...	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	243	+1	...	3.1	29.6
92	77	Fleasbury 'A'	92	...	3.0	4.1	29.6
290	248	Fleming Amer	249½	-2½	0.7	0.4	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	201 †	...	...	3.3	39.6
206	212	-do- Contl	250	...	2.7	1.4	-
171	147	-do- Enrp	168	...	4.5	3.3	37.7
277	213	-do- F East	277	+1	1.5	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	297	...	3.0	1.3	...
116	107½	-do- Fl Inc	114	...	5.8	6.4	19.4
219	136	-do- Japan	218	-1	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	261	...	6.7	3.3	-
251	212	-do- Oseas	239½	...	4.0	2.1	57.2
229	203	Foreign & Col	220	-½	3.3	1.9	90.0
210	164	-do- Eurost	194	-1	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	95	...	0.4	0.5	...
257	191	-do- Pacific	240 †	+2	1.0	1.0	...
137½	116	-do- Smaller	134	...	...	1.7	68.1
225	145	GT Japan	224	-1	...	0.6	...
116	85	Genl Cons Cap	114	...	...	...	...
123½	98½	-do- Inc	106	...	...	10.0	10.9
145	117	Govett Atn Smlr	117	...	...	...	...
254	184	-do- Oriental	254	+1	0.9	0.5	-
246	207	-do- Strategy	239	-2	6.7	3.6	32.6
373	340	Greenfriar	370	...	6.3	2.1	55.6
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	48½	...	0.5	1.3	76.8
134	125	Inv Cap	127	...	5.1	5.1	28.3
92	77	I&S UK Smlr	85½	...	2.0	2.9	31.1
183	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	172	-1	5.0	3.6	33.5
203	176	-do- O'seas	194	...	3.3	2.1	55.1
126	108	-do- Smlr	113	...	4.0	4.4	27.4
595	540	Law Debenture	575	-4	18.2	4.0	28.7
174	164	Majedie	173	...	...	3.5	33.1
249	213	Merchants	237	...	10.6	5.6	22.0
5093½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4550 †	+50	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	405	-3	6.7	2.1	54.5
126	106	Morg Gren Inc	119	-1	...	4.8	23.6
37	23	Do Warrants	37	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	-
11	4½	Do Wts	9	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Incme	307	-2	...	4.4	29.3
319	265	-do- Intl	289	-1	11.4	4.9	26.1
312	263	-do- Small	296	...	4.0	1.7	63.8
103	98	-do- S/C Inc	99	...	...	13.8	9.4
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	90	...	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	5.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	144	+½	...	...	...
360	330	-do- Vent	344	...	10.3	5.3	19.3
71	56½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
95	68	Nthrog Inc	79	...	8.7	10.7	11.1
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	283	...	2.8	1.2	...
362	285	Pacific Assets	346	+1	1.1	0.4	...
264	187	Do Warrants	248	...	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150 †	...	...	2.5	48.7
124	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	123	-1	1.1	1.2	55.7
123	108	River & Merc	115	...	9.2	10.0	11.5
369	350	Robeco	373 †	...	...	3.5	...
388	346	Rolinco	368 †	...	...	2.2	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	240	...	7.5	3.9	33.3
148½	131	Scot American	138	-½	4.3	4.0	28.9
169	136	Scot Asian	187 †	+3	...	...	...
345	225	do Warrants	340	...	...	...	...
73	63½	-do- Eastern	69½	-½	1.5	2.8	45.2
201	183	Scottish	192	-1	4.6	3.0	39.8
201	178	-do- Mige	187½	-½	4.0	2.7	-
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.8	56.6
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1410	-6	36.5	3.2	37.9
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	81½	...	3.2	5.1	-
130	109½	Selective Asset	122	...	1.2	1.2	43.9
21½	14	Sphere Inv	20 †	...	3.1	19.4	6.5
139	112	TR Far East	131	+1	4.5	4.3	28.5
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	134½	-½	4.7	4.4	28.2
141	110	TR Pacific	128	...	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	...	1.4	...	60.3
69	47	TR Tech Inv	52	...	1.7	4.2	25.8
170	146	TR Stnlr Cos	159	...	3.7	2.9	46.6
315	283	Temple Bar	304	-1	13.2	5.4	22.9
90	69	Thmin Asian E	86	...	0.5	0.7	...
66	54	Throgmorton	64	...	2.3	4.5	26.1
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	398	...	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	192	-1	4.5	2.9	35.3
92	76½	Value Inc Tst	92	...	...	4.9	24.3
598	542	Whitbread Inv	569	...	15.0	3.3	37.8
195	181	Witan	189½	-½	5.6	3.7	33.2

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	286	...	7.2	3.2	10.1
60	42	Ald Leis	51	...	4.7	...	14.6
272	194	Anglia TV	271	...	9.2	4.3	-
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.3	12.7
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1200	...	22.0	2.3	17.7
104	90	Border TV	94	...	...	3.6	12.3
16½	4½	Brent Walker	10½	...	...	...	...
7½	3	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	120	Campari	145 †	+12	12.0	10.3	-
197	171	Capital Radio	190	...	5.2	3.5	22.1
818	718	Carlton Comm	743	-5	17.0	2.0	21.9
200	158	Castle Comm	181 †	+1	...	5.9	16.5
1870	1615	Central TV	1870	...	38.0	2.6	-
83	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
610	517	Compass Gp	533	-13	12.3	2.9	15.2
350	218	Eurocamp	244	...	9.7	5.0	10.1
1180	710	Euro Disney	865	-15	...	1.4	...
8	7½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
23	18	Ex-Lands	21	...	...	...	...
333	245	Fairline Boats	332	...	10.5	4.0	...
378	320	First Leisure	360	-2	6.1	2.1	24.9
515	298	GWR Gp	507	...	...	1.7	26.1
194	149	Grampian	185	...	6.1	4.2	-
6	5	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	50	...	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	42	...	5.5	...	2.6
12	5½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
392	262	LWT CP	392	+1	4.9	1.6	-
475	327	Man Utd	453 †	-10	18.0	5.0	15.6
148	96½	Owners Abrd	101	+1	3.5	4.3	8.1
66	33	The Pelican Gp	54	...	...	2.5	18.6
130	55	Prism Leisure	110	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	291	Radio Clyde	291	...	...	3.7	22.8
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	165	...	...	3.4	21.9
502	431	Scot TV	450 †	...	9.9	2.8	-
60	41	Southern Radio	41	...	0.7	2.4	17.1
209	168	Stanley Leisure	198	...	...	2.6	16.7
9	5½	Sunleigh	7½	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
420	383	Tanjong	420 #	...	...	0.6	-
221	150	Thames TV	195	...	2.5	1.6	-
2½	1	Tickeings	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	89	...	...	...	2.9
78	44	Trans World	67	...	...	1.5	24.4
374	274	Ulster TV	372	...	10.0	3.4	11.2
31	17	Wembley	17	...	0.2	1.5	...
31	7	Whitegate	24	...	...	...	...
175	110	Yorkshire TV	171	...	12.0	8.8	5.2
108	83	Zetters Gp	102	...	8.0	9.3	10.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3625	1800	Am Gold	3625	...	...	5.5	19.2
1325	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1300	+50	...	7.1	6.1
1800	1125	Ang Am	1800	...	...	3.9	12.4
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	16½	...	...	...	...
101½	33	Blyvoors	96	+1	...	6.4	5.3
30½	18	Bracken	27	...	...	...	1.4
619	233	Buffels	599	-8	...	6.6	14.7
2	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	588	+1	...	3.5	-
23½	11	Cliff Res	23	...	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	1131½	...	...	4.3	-
60	37½	Deelkraal	69	...	...	6.8	3.8
31½	7	Doornfontein	29	-1½	...	...	...
615	388	Driefontein	611	+12	...	5.5	11.2
327	120	Durban	327	+2	...	...	...
134	47	E Rand Gold	87	...	...	13.8	-
134	62	E Daggs	134	+1	...	...	11.2
216	54	E Rand Prop	216	+2	...	...	...
311	117	Elandsrand	311	+1	...	3.9	7.2
639	292	FS Cons	591	-4	...	8.7	-
25	6	FS Dev	25	+9	...	...	...
1388	725	GFSA	1291	+18	...	3.2	20.1
168	125	Gencor	165	+2	...	6.1	12.6
52	25½	GM Kalgoorlh	52	+3	...	3.0	12.6
16½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	...	...	...	...
118	49	Grootvlei	111	+4	...	3.3	5.5
267	78	Harmony	256	...	...	...	...
296	87	Hartes	281	-24	...	...	10.4
14	6	Inocco	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
65½	491	Impala Plat	651	...	...	...	19.2
3½	1½	Kenmare Res	2	...	...	...	...
709	322	Kinross	687	+4	...	7.4	3.5
671	319	Kloof	659	+16	...	2.1	1.5
72	25	Leslie	69	...	...	2.2	6.6
66	26	Lorame	57	...	...	...	...
116	95	MIM	105	...	...	2.5	41.6
995	623	Minorco	971	-5	...	3.2	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	Nth Brkn Hill	[illegible]	...	...	4.5	...
1665	650	Orange Free	1612½	-27	...	7.8	14.3
709	625	RTZ	670	-14	19.5	4.1	27.6
550	425	Rand Mines	530	...	...	11.5	15.5
137	85	Rand Mtr Prp	125	...	...	13.9	...
448	150	Randfontein	411	-10	...	4.2	6.2
163	115	Rentsun	147	...	...	3.1	14.5
1112½	450	Rustnbrg	1112½	-25	...	4.1	17.4
479	191	St Helena	477	+3	...	5.4	9.6
1214	475	Southvaal	1150	-17	...	5.0	19.7
76	18	Stilfontein	73	+3	...	5.8	12.5
157	56	Unisel	135	+1	...	2.4	12.4
3787½	1800	Vaal Reefs	3450	...	...	6.1	6.2
433	154	Welkom	419	+2	...	7.7	13.0
115	26	Western Areas	115	+4	...	...	...
1600	587½	Western Deep	1475	-25	...	4.3	6.7
347	176	Wstrn Mining	223	+1	...	...	...
762	323	Winkels	705	-11	...	1.5	5.7
84	56	Zambia Copper	64	...	...	...	...
42	18	Zandpan	42	...	...	...	13.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	0.1	0.1	17.6
116	82	Appleyard	115	...	3.2	5.7	...
280	203	Blenchley Mtr	275	-3	8.8	4.1	-
147	120	Bostrom	142 †	...	6.0	5.3	25.1
338	165	Br Aerospace	333	-5	7.0	2.6	-
328	303	Caffyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	9½	...	...	...	...
130	96	Central Mtrs	127	...	...	3.9	32.3
36	18	Cook (DC)	24	-4	...	...	...
233	156	Cowie (T)	233	+3	6.2	3.4	17.7
110	86	Dag Motors	105 †	...	5.7	6.9	-
147	106	Dampnt Vern	147	...	4.0	3.4	18.1
264	155	ERF	200	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	107	...	...	1.8	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	272	...	11.2	5.2	41.9
290	226	FR Group	272	...	7.2	3.4	-
3606½	2843½	Ford Motor	3575 †	+12½	...	...	...
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2675	-18½	...	1.9	...
51	36	Gowrings	50 †	...	2.0	5.0	-
125	85	Henlys	125	...	3.0	3.0	...
875	650	Honda Motor	831	+9	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	23	...	...	...	...
96	66	Jessups	96	+1	4.5	5.9	...
138	97	Kwik-Fit	137	+5	3.3	3.1	-
344	281	Lex Service	337	-5	10.6	3.9	-
117	85	Lookers	117	...	6.2	6.6	...
152	126	Lucas	140 †	+4	7.0	6.2	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.0
165	105	Perry Gp	165	...	6.0	4.0	-
153	106	Quicks Group	146	...	4.5	3.8	-
139	99	Rolls-Royce	129	-1½	5.0	4.8	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	140	...	4.0	3.6	21.6
183	121	Westland	183	...	4.2	2.9	16.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	13.5	5.3	-
608	488	Blenheim Gp	533	...	...	2.1	19.7
345	275	Bristol	345	-15	11.5	4.2	25.6
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9100	...	130	1.8	20.5
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9075	...	130	1.8	20.4
305	251	Dorling Kind	254 †	...	...	1.5	24.3
373	328	EMAP	372	...	...	2.5	24.2
983	873	Euromoney Pb	938	...	29.5	3.9	21.1
237	170	Harrington K	216	-1	4.5	2.6	17.4
358	233	Haynes Pub	304	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
285	236	Headline	285	+2	4.5	2.0	-
140	105	Home Counts	129 †	...	6.0	5.8	-
9½	3	Intl Bus Comm	8½	...	...	...	...
8	6½	Int Cm & Data	7½	...	...	...	...
520	400	Independent	510 †	...	...	4.2	-
536	395	Johnston Press	536	...	6.2	1.5	23.2
288	243	Metal Bulletin	276	-1	6.0	3.6	19.5
147	88	Mirror Gp	136	-2	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	325	-3	...	0.3	21.9
240	169	News Intl	222	...	...	0.6	15.4
448	354	Pearson	447	...	...	3.4	21.0
658	510	Portsmth Sund	658	...	8.6	1.6	16.9
690	618	Reed Int	648	...	...	3.3	28.2
140	98	Southnews	145	...	...	1.3	42.7
240	90	Sterling Pubs	125	...	...	2.5	41.2
370	328	Telegraph	360	...	11.0	3.8	-
825	715	Thomson Corp	785	...	25.4	4.1	-
347	313	Trinity Intl	345	...	8.7	3.2	20.7
39	34	Unit Group	34	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Newspapers	593	-5	...	4.5	14.8

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pet	17	+½	...	...	...
31	17	Arm Energy	30½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Arcon Intl	49	...	...	...	...
61	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	54	...	...	...	...
63	26	Aviva Pet	51	...	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	10	...	0.6	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	148	...	7.1	6.0	4.5
326	276	British Gas	304	-1½	14.2	6.0	14.3
312½	225	Br Petroleum	296	+2	10.5	4.4	46.6
1½	1	Bula Resources	1	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	724 †	-6	...	4.4	17.7
50	32	Cairn Energy	56	-2	...	...	8.0
368	223	Calor Gp	253	-2	12.0	6.1	-
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	48½	...	...	...	...
35	27	Conles Res	28	+1	...	...	...
14½	10½	Edn Oil & Gas	14½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	484	-4	16.0	4.1	39.7
88	36	Exp Co Louis	65	+2	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	31½	-1	...	1.7	12.0
67	45	Goal Pet	51	-1	1.4	3.4	9.8
31	18	Gt Western Res	26	...	...	...	...
155	108	Hardy O & G	153	-1	1.0	0.8	48.0
34	18½	Kelt Energy	33	+1	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	152 †	...	3.3	2.7	30.8
103	63	-do- Units	80	...	9.4	14.8	...
24	14½	Mid Sea Res	19	...	...	...	...
48½	34	Monument	45½	...	...	...	...
9½	6	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	1.0	4.0	10.7
35	27	Oil Search	28	-1	...	...	...
14½	12	Petroz	13	...	...	...	...
110	90	Pict Pet	101	...	...	...	14.4
30½	19	Premier	28	...	...	...	0.6
115	50	Presidio	108	...	...	5.3	...
368	290	Ranger	290	...	...	5.5	...
6000	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	5725	-48½	...	5.6	13.4
4262½	3600	Schlumberger	4037½	-65½	...	1.9	...
67	47	Seafield	59	...	...	...	...
606	515	Shell	562	+6	21.9	4.9	17.3
203	188	Sunrise Eng Sv	188	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo	9½	-½	...	...	3
41	24	Triton Europe	24	...	...	...	5
11	6½	Villiers Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	154½	+1½	...	2.3	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
311	249	API	311	...	7.5	3.0	27
194	144	Arjo Wiggins	194	...	...	4.3	19
500	408	Abbott Mead	496	...	9.3	2.3	-
1½	½	Acsis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
31	13	Aegis Gp	29	-1	1.3	5.9	...
212	155	Aspen Comm	187 †	...	...	3.3	17
12	7	BBB Design	12	...	...	...	...
335	254½	Bemrose	333	-3	...	4.5	-
33	16	Birkdale	18	...	0.2	1.4	15
138	118	Bunzl	130	-1	4.0	3.8	-
287	259	CIA Gp	262	-2	...	2.1	...
254	116	Capital Inds	252	...	4.0	2.0	-
54	44	City of Lon	50	...	...	8.5	10
214	169	Cropper (Jmes)	214	...	3.0	1.8	34
6	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckaging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104 †	...	4.5	5.4	-
53	42	Dudley Jenkins	53	+1	...	...	13
14½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11
58	41	Fairway Group	56	...	...	7.0	11
296	271	Ferguson Intl	293	...	12.5	5.3	16
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	-
107	74	Filofax	100	...	...	0.5	26
20	14	Fitch	15	...	...	...	...
100	60	Gibbon Lyons	99	...	...	6.3	19
295	247	Gold Greenless	274	-1	...	3.8	...
41	20	Goodhead	25	...	0.5	2.5	...
64	43	Hunterprint	65	...	...	...	...
183	136	Interurope	180	...	7.4	5.2	11
228	191	Jarvis Porter	228	...	4.4	2.4	24
28	15½	Lopex	26	...	...	...	...
274	175	More O'Ferrall	265	-7	13.2	6.2	-
85	48	NMC Group	81	...	1.2	...	16
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12
334	167	Quarto	233	...	5.3	2.7	-
347	319	St Ives Gp	330	...	5.2	2.0	22
198	152	Saatchi	176	+½	...	...	...
472	335	Sappi	446	+13	...	8.2	...
19½	11½	Sertia	14½	-½	...	...	...
28½	14	Standwick	18	-1	...	...	...
350	294	Smith David	340	...	9.5	3.4	15
395	244	Smurfit (Jeff)	247	-1	...	0.6	8
243	183	Stat-Plus	243 †	...	8.0	4.1	-
24	16½	Taylor Nelson	24	...	0.3	1.6	-
53	38	VTR	51	...	...	8.5	14
74	40	WPP	70	-1	...	1.8	...
125	62	Wace	116	-2	2.2	2.4	-
221	203	Waddington (J)	214	...	7.9	4.6	16
658	540	Watmough	658	...	11.5	2.2	25
6½	4½	Westport	5½	...	...	...	20
20	12	Whinney Mck	20	...	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	71	...	0.2	0.4	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	63 †	...	3.5	7.0	54
61	58	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
73	54	Asda	70	...	2.1	3.8	-
139	88	Avonside	125	...	4.0	4.0	-
2637½	2062½	BCE	2225	+12	...	...	...
535	396	Bilton	508 †	...	18.9	4.7	18
26	23	Bourne End	26	...	1.0	5.0	...
179	150	Bradford	179	...	4.4	3.1	16
23	12	Bredero	18	...	...	...	...
277	176	Br Land	253	+1	6.3	3.1	23
198	153	Brixton	177	-1	6.3	6.1	-
57	45	Burford	56	-1	1.1	2.6	-
151	99	Cap & Regnl	150	-1	...	0.6	-
130	120	Cardiff Prop	130	...	2.4	3.3	...
260	196	Chesterfield	247	-2	14.5	...	17
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	15	...	0.3	...	3
14	10	Clayform	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
1078	818	Daejan	1075	+2	25.0	2.9	16
3	1½	Darts Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
88	53	Debenham Twsn	70	...	2.5	4.5	25
12	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
108	76	Dencora	106	-2	3.0	3.6	...
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	406 †	...	8.6	2.6	50
225	170	Estates Agency	220	+20	3.0	...	20
27	7½	Estates Gen	14½	...	...	...	...
84	72	Finnbrook	78	...	2.7	4.6	8
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	138	...	4.1	3.8	13
25	11	Five Oaks	22½	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37
405	285	Frogmore	387	...	15.0	4.8	21
140	97	Grainger	137	...	5.2	4.8	30
170	120	Gt Portland	165	...	10.0	7.6	16
19	7½	Greycoat	18	...	5.2	...	...
128	101	HK Land	113	...	...	5.8	...
72	35	Hampton Cotyw	71	+1	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	340	+1	10.0	3.7	...
382	245	-do- 'A'	309	-1	...	4.1	...
192	127	Helical Bar	192	...	...	3.1	...
26	19	Herringway	23	...	...	...	...
132	60	Herring Baker	62	...	3.7	7.6	...
153	133	Jermyn	153	...	1.5	1.4	...
579	435	Land Sec	528	...	21.7	5.1	19
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	77	...	3.5	5.5	13
4	[illegible]	Lon & Metro	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
419	324	MEPC	354	-4	20.0	6.2	16
[illegible]	5	McInerney 'A'	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
11½	4	McKay Secs	6½	...	6.7	...	...
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[illegible]	32	[illegible]	42	-2	1.5	...	...
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10	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1	...	...	...
123	[illegible]	[illegible]	119	-2	3.7	4.1	2
40	22	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
[illegible]	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1	1.5	7.1	9
135	110	[illegible]	130	...	1.3	1.5	[illegible]
35	16	St Modwen Prp	31	...	0.8	2.9	[illegible]
61	39	Savills	60	+1	...	...	...
60	34	Scot Met	56	...	1.5	...	...
74	34	Shaftesbury	74	...	...	...	...
24½	8	Shield	[illegible]	...	...	...	...
36	17	Sinclair Gibbs	23 #	...	...	1.5	...
199	139½	Slough Estates	170	...	...	6.0	1
74	56	Southend Prop	67	...	4.1	7.5	33
16	7	Speyhawk	14	...	...	...	...
27	16	Stanhope Props	22	...	...	...	...
157	114	Tops Ests	155	...	2.0	1.6	39
101	79	Town Centre	100	...	3.1	3.9	39
65	43	Trafford Park	59	...	2.5	5.5	15
36	5	UK Land	22	...	...	...	...
6½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
217	190	Warner	214	-1	10.5	6.5	16
199	168	Warnford	198	-3	7.2	4.8	13
9	5½	Waterglade	7½	...	...	...	...
52	35	Wates	52	+1	0.7	1.4	...
70	40	Wood John De	70	...	...	...	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	18	...	...	...	...
129	60	Headlam	123 †	+3	...	2.5	-
500	330	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	-
100	80	Pittard Garnar	81	...	2.0	3.1	23
30	20	Strong & Fisher	29 †	...	1.0	4.3	8
190	99	Stylo	131	...	3.0	2.9	-
55	53	UK Safety	55	...	...	23.6	1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	406	Allied Text	456	...	12.6	3.4	14.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	54	...	4.7	...	10.7
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155	...	8.5	6.9	-
153	80	Celestion	143	...	1.4	1.2	...
20	15	Charnwell	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	336	...	7.2	2.7	21.2
601	534	Courtauld Text	570	-6	13.6	3.2	14.8
53½	34½	Cupid	36	...	...	12.3	4.3
248½	221	Dawson	229	-1	9.0	4.9	22.3
30	22	Drummond	25	...	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	27	...	...	...	...
72	66	Faupel	68	...	...	9.0	6.7
24	15	Foster (John)	20	...	0.5	3.1	...
98	82	Gaskell	96	...	4.2	5.9	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcs	175	...	3.4	2.5	14.7
59	45	Jerome (S)	55	...	...	...	...
330	249	Lamont	330	...	12.0	4.7	-
425	353½	Leeds	425	+1	...	2.2	20.5
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	81	Lyles (S)	81	-1	4.9	7.7	9.0
112	69	Parkland 'A'	112	...	2.0	2.2	...
96	82	Readicut	99½	...	3.4	4.5	18.9
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	84	...	5.1	7.7	14.8
59	44	Stirling Gp	56	...	1.6	3.6	21.2
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
310	250	Tomkinsons	301	...	11.5	4.9	26.0
62½	32½	West Trust	43	-2	...	7.3	...
417	252	Yorklyde	408	-9	10.4	3.2	-

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	823	BAT	880	-23	...	5.5	18.4
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	614	-9	10.2	2.1	14.0

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	390	+1	8.5	2.7	...
813	732	BAA	735	-11	14.5	2.5	13.0
311	260	Br Airways	277½	-2½	...	4.6	7.4
81	58	Clarkson (H)	58	-1	1.5	3.3	...
29	22	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	414	-4	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
138	126	Graig	128	...	4.5	4.4	...
170	147	Lon Steam	170	...	...	5.4	8.0
33	24	Jacobs (J)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
79	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	1.2	2.0	4.8
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2100	+12½	4.5	0.3	11.5
349	280	Mersey Docks	335	...	7.5	2.5	21.5
210	181	Natl Express	187	+1	...	4.8	-
294	238	NFC	251 †	-1	6.5	3.3	10.1
302	244	Ocean Group	273 †	-4	14.3	6.6	...
53	40	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.3	11.8
627	504	P & O Dfd	557	-4	...	5.8	17.9
137	127	P & O 5 1/2%	136	...	...	5.1	...
536	448	Powell Duffryn	533	-2	22.6	5.5	21.3
138	117	Searcon	131	...	...	4.9	6.2
41½	24	TIP Europe	41½ #	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
45½	31½	TNT	42	...	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	720 †	-3	11.8	2.0	-
382	173	Tiphook	250	+10	17.3	8.7	5.0
298	254	TDG	255	-3	9.5	4.7	-

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	488	...	19.3	4.9	8.9
652	547	Northumbrian	597	-4	20.5	4.3	6.2
533	449	North West	485	+4	19.6	5.1	6.5
533	439	Severn Trent	481	+1	19.3	5.0	7.0
554	454	Sthrn Water	486	...	19.5	5.0	8.6
1325	1225	Sth Staffs	1320	...	40.2	3.8	8.5
569	467	South West	506	+3	21.7	5.4	7.7
563	468	Thames Water	498	-2	19.2	4.8	9.4
612	506	Welsh Water	550	-2	21.4	4.9	6.3
649	536	Wessex Water	569	-8	...	4.1	8.0
593	506	Yorkshire W	529	...	19.5	4.6	9.6

Source: Finstat

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ACCOUNTANCY

From glamour to grunge

Edward Fennell fears that many of this year's finals students are rejecting accountancy as a career



Selling the message: Keith Cocker, a Grant Thornton regional personnel director

WITH the finals just weeks away, graduate recruiters are pausing to draw breath and agree it has been a funny season on the university circuit.

Against expectations, big accountancy firms have not been awash with applicants. They may have been over-subscribed but to nothing like the extent they might have expected when they set out on the milk round six months ago.

Many traditional favourite business employers of graduates have withdrawn from the market and some of the former glamour City names are looking distinctly unsafe. Recruiters therefore assumed that accountancy would be even more popular than usual with upcoming graduates as a conduit to career security. But it has not worked out that way.

One reason is surely that students have seen accountancy firms themselves lay off many staff, including recently qualified graduate accountants, undermining the profession's appeal to the cautious.

"We're about 10 per cent down on our number of applicants by comparison with last year," said Robert Bellis, senior manager responsible for recruitment at KPMG Peat Marwick. "I think the message has now got round that accountancy is not a safe haven, that we've cut back on our figures, and that it's now pretty competitive." The extent of KPMG's reduction since the late Eighties is remarkable. From a peak of 1,100 it is now down to about 600 graduate entrants a year.

"Frankly we're enjoying having fewer applications and recruiting fewer people," said Mr Bellis. "On the whole it means those who apply to us are better informed and have done more research about their career expectations."

This view was confirmed by Coopers & Lybrand. Ian du Pre, the Coopers recruitment partner, said: "The applications we've had this year are generally better focused. However, because we are recruiting fewer we are also setting a higher standard. For example, it is no good just being a team player — we want people who are good at motivating teams. And likewise we don't want people who just know the news headlines — we want the people who understand the story behind the headlines as well." The outcome of this choosiness is that Mr du Pre is still seeking a small number of people for this year's full complement of graduates.

Grant Thornton still has vacancies on the elite prospective partner training scheme. Having heavily cut graduate recruitment a couple of years ago to concentrate on smaller numbers who would stay longer (preferably for life), the firm has found it has been difficult to sell this particular message to the student audience.

"We are offering something completely different," said Alan Sheldon, national director of personnel. "We offer a rounded business training for people who are seen as being of partner potential — it is certainly not just another standard professional accountancy training programme. Trouble is, I'm not sure the universities have really grasped that."

As Mr Sheldon waits to fill his final slots with those who can get through his gruelling selection process, it appears the selection process itself may have proved a stumbling block. Many students are put off even before getting as far as his in-depth interview and assessment centre.

Student applications in general have fallen as a result of a paralysing malaise that seems to have gripped many of this year's finals students. Enticed into higher education three or four years ago when a degree appeared to be the passport to a champagne lifestyle, they now view a world in which, despite the formal end of the recession, the atmosphere of the graduate landscape is epitomised in grunge culture.

Batting for the ICA in trying times



ROBERT BRUCE

THE Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales has a month to go before its annual meeting. It is not a period that it generally relishes. It is a time when many members with grievances range together in an attempt to inflict the symbolic defeat of the subscription increase on their alma mater.

In some ways, this is unfair. Viewed from some angles, the institute is a great success of our business age. Its membership is now more than 100,000. It has created a system of business education that attracts a high proportion of the country's brightest graduates each year, and which costs the state nothing. It has adapted. It has created facilities to provide members with information, participation and identity, based on their particular specialist interests. It has responded, with the other accounting bodies, to the increasingly centralist requirements of governments by setting up a regulatory system for members carrying out audit, insolvency and financial services work. All this could be seen as a remarkable response to the need for continual reform in a fast-changing financial arena. Unfortunately, no one has told the members. Or rather the members see it somewhat differently. The ICA could take comfort from the fact that big organisations always have problems with some members. It was ever thus. This being the week the Australians open their tour at Worcester, you could look for a cricketing parallel. The account in the 1876 *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack* of the previous year's MCC annual meeting could be that of any ICA annual meeting in the past ten years.

"Discussion upon the report being invited from the chair," it records, "Mr Willoughby rose to make his annual onslaught on the accounts. The learned gentleman severely criticised the items of expenditure on the Embankment and the Tavern, expressing his belief that the members had not received much additional convenience." Substitute "the restaurant" for "the Tavern" and you could be in Chartered Accountants' Hall in a month's time.

Equally, the tradition of members' contempt for their executives is nothing new. The cantankerous Mr Willoughby, at that same meeting on May 5, 1875, "concluded with a few words of advice to the secretary, that if he wished to persuade the members to take a more active part in the game, a little more politeness on his part would conduce that desired object". The growing problem for the ICA is that many members, reeling from regulatory measures, are trying to see how the membership body can also be the regulator. As Teresa Graham, head of the London practitioner group, said: "How can the institute be my friend as well as my regulator?" A fair point. In the past, the range of disciplinary services made sense to members. A member doing bad work resulting in local scandal sullied the reputation of anyone else with a brass plate saying "chartered accountant" on their door. So members had a solid motive for ensuring disciplinary action worked.

But that was fine only if you waited for a complaint before acting. In an era when self-regulation is seen by a sizable part of the population as a method of looking after your chums, this was not going to last. The accounting bodies have been forced by public pressure, allied to governments intent on bringing more and more power to the centre, to send the police round regularly and not just when a complaint is received. The resulting costs, bureaucracy, and grief are borne by the members. They do not like change. They do not like the spiralling additional costs. They do not like inspectors from their institute turning up on their doorstep to give their books a going over. It is all very unlike the old traditions of a professional body. Hence the pressure to resolve the dilemma of friend v regulator. The institute argues persuasively that it has to be a profession that puts public interest before members' interests. And put like that, it would be hard to justify the accountancy profession in any other way. But that is the view from Moorgate Place, the institute's headquarters. It looks very different on a wet day in the provinces, with fees fading, clients going bust and a huge pile of institute forms unopened on the receptionist's desk.

The ICA knows, as the MCC probably did in 1875, that it cannot please everyone. Ultimately, it has to take whatever action it believes is most likely to keep the profession thriving for several generations ahead. And that has to mean public interest over private interest. The Tavern at Lord's that Mr Willoughby complained about may just be a memory now, but it did last for 100 years.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Received from Rupert

RUPERT Nicholson, Peat Marwick, Mitchell and Co's legendary receiver of Rolls-Royce, has finally found the time at a sprightly 83 to write a modest 55-page memoir of his most famous case, the five-year stint that started with a secret visit from an insurance company on February 1, 1971, in the days before the Heath government made its celebrated U-turn. The government still bought the aero-engine business and, as Nicholson records, when Labour took over, Tony Benn asked him whether receiverships might not prove a means of cheap nationalisation. Nicholson was shocked. He had started with sleepless nights in Derby, a disastrously interrupted round of golf and worries about whether the factory lawn should be cut. In the middle, almost everyone in the City and government tried to interfere. At the end, all creditors were paid, shareholders received 40p a share and the businesses have lived to survive through worse than killed the old company 22 years ago. KPMG has published the slim volume.

Sikka as a parrot

PREM Sikka, the University of East London accountancy lecturer who has become the most redoubtable critical bane of the profession, is seeking an inside track after being nominated to the council of ACCA, which holds its annual meeting at the New Connaught Rooms in London at noon today. Don't hold your breath. Fourteen members have been nominated for ten vacancies but there is a tiny catch. At least five new council members must be in public practice and only five are standing, lengthening Sikka's odds even further. Still, he would enliven the meetings.

Coopers & lychees

THE urge to go East continues. Coopers & Lybrand has teamed up with local firm CIEC in China and won permission from Peking to operate a full service business nationwide. So, if you are thinking of setting up a chain of fish and chip shops in Sinkiang, you know where to go for help.

Queen's Bench Divisional Court — Law Report May 6 1993 — Chancery Division

Only counsel can seek striking-off

In re Solicitors. Ex parte Peasegood

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Judge

[Judgment April 30]

The court could only entertain an application under sections 50 and 51 of the Solicitors Act 1974 to strike solicitors off the roll when it was made by counsel.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in striking out a claim brought Mrs Hannah Susan Peasegood against four solicitors whom she sought to have struck off.

Mr Simeon Maskrey for the first, third and fourth solicitors; the second solicitor appeared in person: Mrs Peasegood in person.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that Mrs Peasegood applied to the High Court to strike off the solicitors pursuant to sections 50 and 51 of the Solicitors Act 1974.

By notice of motion, the first, third and fourth solicitors applied to dismiss Mrs Peasegood's application on the basis that it disclosed no reasonable cause of action and/or was scandalous, frivolous, vexatious, oppressive or otherwise an abuse of the process of the court. The second solicitor had subsequently supported that application.

The background to Mrs Peasegood's application was that the first three solicitors were partners, and the fourth solicitor an employee, of a firm instructed by Mr Peasegood in connection with divorce proceedings he was taking against Mrs Peasegood.

Mrs Peasegood discovered that none of the solicitors had valid practising certificates for the period November 1, 1986 to January 27, 1987 and she complained to the Law Society.

The matter was referred to the Solicitors Complaints Bureau who required an explanation from the solicitors.

In due course the matter was referred to the adjudication committee of the Law Society who did not think it appropriate for the complaint to be prosecuted before the disciplinary tribunal. The solicitors were warned that in future they had to renew their practising certificates by the due date.

The solicitors heard no more until the notice of motion was served on them in July 1992.

In support of the motion, Mrs Peasegood made a large number of allegations of serious misconduct against the solicitors which could be summarised under three heads:

(i) Those arising out of the allegation that each of the solicitors practised between November 1, 1986 and January 27, 1987 while uncertificated: (ii) that they attempted to recover costs for work done while uncertificated and (iii) that they behaved in a manner unbefitting solicitors in the conduct of Mrs Peasegood's matrimonial proceedings including making untruthful statements and deceiving the court.

At the outset Mr Maskrey raised two points which went to the jurisdiction of the court, although he made it plain that he did not wish to win on what might be regarded as technical points and invited the court to consider the merits of the application which their Lordships had done.

Mrs Peasegood submitted as to the first jurisdiction point that she had satisfied section 51(2) of the 1974 Act.

She produced an affidavit in which she deposed that she served copies of her application and supporting affidavit on the Law Society on August 6, 1992. But her notice of motion was dated July 20, 1992 and received in the Crown Office on August 3, 1992. Mr Maskrey said that was too late.

His Lordship thought Mrs Peasegood was right in her submission that it was not until she actually appeared before the court that she actually made the application and was therefore in time because the notice of motion was notice of intention to make the application, which was made when the court was moved by the applicant.

Mr Maskrey then submitted that the court could not entertain an application under sections 50 and 51 of the 1974 Act unless it was made by counsel.

That was undoubtedly the law before and after the Supreme Court of Judicature Act 1873 and in his Lordship's judgment the jurisdiction was still the same and unaffected by Order 5, rule 6 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, first introduced in 1962.

In his Lordship's judgment, the reason for the rule applied as much today as it ever did. It was very easy for disgruntled litigants to make complaints, often in lurid terms, against their own or the opposite party's solicitors.

It was perhaps anomalous that the punitive, as opposed to the compensatory, powers of the court to make orders against solicitors, should have survived now that the statutory tribunal had been set up and a right of appeal to the High Court given to the complainant: see section 49.

The court undoubtedly had jurisdiction under section 50 to entertain an application, if supported by counsel, but it was not obliged to do so.

It did not have jurisdiction to entertain an application made by an applicant in person and even if it did it seemed to his Lordship that the discretion should not be exercised save in an exceptional case.

So far as the merits of the application to dismiss Mrs Peasegood's notice of motion were concerned, had his Lordship thought there was some merit in her application he might have hesitated to strike it out on the ground that the solicitors had been caused prejudice by the delay.

However, his Lordship did not consider that the grounds put forward by Mrs Peasegood could possibly justify the court making an order striking off the solicitors.

Mr Justice Judge agreed.

Solicitors: Reece Edwards Maddocks, Birmingham.

Trustees to treat shares as capital

Sinclair v Lee and Another

Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment April 30]

Shares in Zeneca Group plc, allotted to shareholders in satisfaction of a dividend being declared by ICI as part of a company demerger, held by trustees as to income for the tenant for life and as to capital for the remainderman, were to be treated as capital. To treat the dividend as income in the hands of the trustees, would be to exalt company form over commercial substance and would defeat the intention of the settlor.

Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on an originating summons issued by Neil Sinclair against Michael David Lee and William Lee.

The plaintiff was a trustee of the trusts of the will of Dora Lee deceased, who had by her will left a holding of shares in Imperial Chemical Industries plc to her husband, William Lee, for life, with remainder to her son, Michael David Lee, absolutely. He sought a determination as to whether the trustees should hold the shares as capital or income. The case was a test case and the parties' costs were being paid by ICI.

Mr Simon Taube for the plaintiff trustee; Mr Peter Horsfield, QC, for the first defendant, the remainderman; Mr Christopher McCall, QC, for the second defendant, the life tenant; Mr Robert Walker, QC, as *amicus curiae*.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that ICI was about to carry out a major reorganisation; its existing undertaking was being carved into two pieces, henceforward to be known as ICI and Zeneca Group plc.

By that de-merger Zeneca Group would belong to the persons who were the shareholders of ICI on June 1, 1993 and in the same proportions. A shareholder who owned 1,000 ICI shares would end up with those shares together with 1,000 Zeneca Group shares.

The shares were being issued by Zeneca Group as fully paid up as the consideration for the transfer by ICI of shares in Zeneca Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of ICI. The new shares were being allotted and issued directly to the ICI shareholders in satisfaction of a dividend of an amount exceeding the nominal value of the shares.

The question was whether in the hands of trustee shareholders the new Zeneca Group shares were to be treated as income belonging to the life tenant or capital belonging to the remainderman.

His Lordship ventured to think that no one, unversed in the arcane mysteries he was about to mention, would have any doubt as to the answer: the ICI shares would form part of the capital of the fund in the trustee's hands.

The problem arose because the company mechanism by which the ICI shareholders would acquire their Zeneca Group shares was that the new shares would be allotted to the shareholders in satisfaction of a dividend being declared by ICI.

There was a long line of cases holding that dividends paid on shares which formed part of a trust fund were to be treated as income: "... there is no doubt that every distribution of money or money's worth by an English company must be treated as income in the hands of the shareholders unless it is either a distribution in a liquidation, a repayment in respect of reduction of capital (or a payment out of a special premium account) or an issue of bonus shares" *per* Lord Reid in *Rae v Lazard Investments Ltd* ([1963] 1 WLR 555, 565).

That observation was expressed in wide terms and on its face covered the present case.

The difficulty arose when the trust fund comprised shares, in that companies were not normally required by their internal constitutions to distribute all their profits as they arose. Save in exceptional cases, shareholders were only entitled to such distribution of profits by way of dividends as a majority decided.

In practice, successful companies did not distribute all their profits, but built up over a period of years substantial reserves of retained profits. Some of those would later be distributed as dividends, but some became a significant part of a company's working capital.

What principle, then, should the law adopt with regard to dividends so as to give effect to the presumed intention of the testator or settlor in relation to the entitlement in a settled fund of shares as between the life tenant and the remainderman?

Bouch v Sproule ((1885) 29 Ch D 635) set the law on its modern course. In that case a company declared a bonus out of accumulated profits with the intention, as it was held on the facts, that they should be converted into capital by being applied in partly paying up newly created shares. The principle was "what the company says is income, shall be income, and what it says is capital, shall be capital" *per* Lord Justice Fry (at p653).

A contrary trend appeared in *Hill v Permanent Trustee Company of New South Wales Ltd* ([1930] AC 720) where although the company distributed the proceeds arising from a sale of land, livestock and other assets as a dividend, described as a distribution of capital assets in advance of the winding up of the company, the Privy Council nevertheless held that the dividend was income as between the tenant for life and the remainderman.

Hill was a decision, binding on his Lordship, as to the income character for trust purposes of all cash distributions, not by way of reduction of capital or in the course of winding up, whatever their scale or description or source. It applied whether the case concerned a distribution of money or money's worth such as shares in another company, as in the present case.

It was against that background that his Lordship turned to the facts of the present case, noting in particular:

1 The transfer by ICI of shares in Zeneca Ltd to Zeneca Group, and the allotment and issue of Zeneca Group shares to ICI shareholders, were part of one single indivisible transaction. The de-merger agreement was conditional upon the passing of the de-merger resolution. ICI itself would never become entitled to receive any property in exchange for the Zeneca Ltd shares.

2 The commercial purpose of that tripartite transaction was not that ICI should part with some of its assets to its shareholders. The purpose was to replace a single head company with two head companies.

3 That division would take place on terms whereby the capital of the companies would be increased, and the reserves distributable as profits decreased, in a manner analogous to the issue of bonus shares.

4 So far as the ICI shareholders were concerned, they would be no nearer the underlying assets than before.

5 As to ICI, the company declaring the dividend, it parted with assets of value: its shares in Zeneca Ltd. In that respect the transaction was not a classic capitalisation case. In the classic case the company retained its assets intact and issued shares of its own in exchange for hitherto distributable profits.

6 Nor, however, was that a classic case of a distribution by way of a dividend in specie. ICI owned, and parted with, shares in Zeneca Ltd, but those did not reach the ICI shareholders. The shareholders would receive shares in Zeneca Group. ICI never had any entitlement to those shares.

7 Thus the transaction was something of a hybrid. It had features both of a capitalisation and of a distribution of a dividend in specie.

Having regard to those considerations, in his Lordship's view, to regard the ICI transaction as a distribution of profits, akin to payment of a dividend in specie and hence income, would be to exalt company form over commercial substance to an unacceptable extent.

In the last analysis, the rationale underlying the general principles enunciated in *Hill's* case was an endeavour by the law to give effect to the assumed intention of the testator or settlor in respect of a particular distribution to shareholders.

When the inflexible application of those principles would produce a result manifestly inconsistent with the presumed intention of the testator or settlor, the court should not be required to apply them slavishly. In origin they were guidelines. They should not be applied in circumstances, or in a manner, which would defeat the very purpose they were designed to achieve.

Unless constrained by binding authority to the contrary, his Lordship considered the ICI transaction was to be characterised as a company reconstruction, with two capital assets, shares in ICI and Zeneca Group, in the trustees' hands replacing one existing capital asset, shares in ICI. He found no authority which precluded him from giving effect to that conclusion.

Rae v Lazard Investment Co Ltd ([1963] 1 WLR 555) concerned a de-merger of a company incorporated under a foreign law, the law of Maryland, whose company law differed materially from English law, so the actual decision was not in point.

The observations in *Rae* by Lord Reid (at p565) and similar observations by Lord Pearce (at p573) were not part of the ratio of the decision and not strictly binding. Nevertheless it was with considerable diffidence that his Lordship would add any gloss to their unqualified general statement.

He was mindful of the need for certainty in that area of the law. He was acutely conscious of the danger of doing more harm than good by an apparent departure from established principles so as to reach a fair conclusion in a particular case.

Nevertheless, an application of existing principles in their full width would produce a result which would, frankly, be nothing short of absurd. It could not be right to reach such a result unless strictly compelled to do so which in his Lordship's view he was not.

For those reasons he would declare that the shares in Zeneca Group which Mrs Lee's trustees would receive pursuant to the ICI de-merger resolution would be held by them as capital of the fund.

Solicitors: Berwin Leighton; Berwin Leighton; Treasury Solicitor.

Correction

In *Symphony Group v Hodgson* (*The Times* May 4) the appeal of Halvanto Kitchens was on a ruling by the trial judge on two preliminary points and no award of costs had been made against them.

Illegal use cannot become a right

Hanning and Others v Top Deck Travel Group Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Kennedy and Sir Roger Parker

[Judgment May 5]

An easement could not be acquired by prescription where the use of the route was illegal by statute.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal brought by the plaintiffs, John Guy Hanning, Charles Stuart Shackerley-Bennett, David Garne Trefgarne and Philip David Robbins, suing as trustees for and on behalf of Horsell Common Preservation Society, against the decision of Mr John Lindsay QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, on January 22, 1992 when he held that section 193 of the Law of Property Act 1925, as amended, did not prevent the defendants, Top Deck Travel Group Ltd, from acquiring an easement by user of a track for commercial purposes, when that user was illegal under section 193(1)(c).

Section 193 of the 1925 Act provides: "(1) Members of the public shall ... have rights of access for air and exercise to any land which is a metropolitan common ... or manorial waste, or a common ... and to any land which at the commencement of this Act is subject to rights of common ... provided ... (c) such rights of access shall not include any right to ... drive upon the land a carriage, cart, caravan, truck, or other vehicle ...

"(4) Any person who, without lawful authority ... drives upon any land to which this section applies any carriage, cart, caravan, truck or other vehicle ... shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine ..."

Mr Michael Templeman and Mr Barry Payton for the plaintiffs: Mr Vivian Chapman for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that on May 1, 1947 a lease was granted to the former trustees of Horsell Common from December 25, 1946. The lease was held on trust with a view to the preservation of the common and the trustees acquired the freehold reversion in 1966.

The defendants owned land which adjoined the common and known as Young Stroat Farm. Up to January 1, 1964 that was in common ownership with Shaw's Farm. There had been no use of Young Stroat Farm up to 1965 when commercial use of it began. There were several tracks and paths forming part of the common and running across and around it. One of them was the track defined in the plaintiffs' statement of claim and ran from close to the buildings at Young Stroat Farm southward across the common to join the public highway.

The track was nowadays and had for some years been, generally so constructed as to be able to bear vehicles. The track was used in connection with several properties in the area including Shaw's Farm to the southwest of Young Stroat Farm. Shaw's Farm was linked to the track by a path or road running roughly east-west. No part of Young Stroat Farm lay to the south of that link.

The defendants owned double decker buses used for foreign touring and Young Stroat Farm was used by them for maintenance and repair of the buses. The buses went and left the farm via the track the subject of the litigation.

The deputy judge found that apart from the question of illegality, the use for commercial purposes from 1965 would have been sufficient to acquire an easement by prescription.

The difficulty which arose was illegality under section 193 of the Law of Property Act 1925, as amended. It was common ground that Horsell Common came within the section. The trustees could have granted the defendants a right of way for commercial vehicles but they had not.

The deputy judge had concluded that section 193 did not prevent the defendant from acquiring an easement by user of the track, albeit that the user was illegal. His reasoning started with the proposition that it was fundamental to the law of acquiring rights by prescription that acts which were at the time tortious and therefore contrary to law would, if continued for sufficiently long without opposition, give rise to the acquisition of an easement.

However, it seemed to his Lordship that that was a long way from the case such as the present. An easement could not be acquired by conduct which was prohibited by a public statute. The appeal would be allowed.

Lord Justice Kennedy delivered a concurring judgment and Sir Roger Parker agreed.

Solicitors: Barlows, Guildford; Michael Ambler & Co, Wandsworth.

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Global Bond	28.76	30.52	+0.08	5.03
High Yield Acc	52.18	55.80	-0.35	4.43
-do- Inc	37.87	40.51†	-0.25	4.43
Smlr Cos Acc	88.60	94.75	-0.23	1.35
-do- Inc	81.43	87.09†	-0.22	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.05	59.95	+0.63	...
-do- Inc	55.01	58.83	+0.62	...
Euro Gth Acc	97.84	104.64	-0.29	1.07
-do- Inc	96.50	103.21	-0.29	1.07
Mngd P folio	33.91	36.27†	-0.02	1.46
Pacific Growth	94.50	101.06	-0.88	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	84.74	90.63	+0.17	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	118.90	126.60	-0.10	3.31
Smaller Cos Acc	283.10	302.90	-0.40	...
Smaller Cos Inc	164.60	176.10†	-0.20	1.23
High Inc	69.67	74.90	-0.10	7.00
Income	124.20	132.90†	-0.60	4.14
Mngd P folio Inc	92.64	98.66	+0.54	2.01
-do- Acc	175.10	186.40	+1.00	...
North American	98.17	104.50	+0.60	0.21
Orient	119.50	128.90†	+0.30	...
Recovery	39.10	42.04	+0.08	2.66
German	40.56	43.50	+0.24	0.09
Intl Growth	31.88	33.96	+0.07	0.23
European Inc	22.02	23.70	+0.11	0.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	60.78	64.66†	-0.15	1.45
-do- Acc	68.51	72.89	-0.17	1.16
Income Fund 5	207.90	221.20	-2.00	4.14
-do- Acc	483.80	514.70†	-4.50	4.02
Inv Portfolio	65.72	68.11	-0.53	2.05
-do- Acc	74.21	76.91	-0.60	2.03
Smaller Cos	124.80	132.80	-0.40	1.54
-do- Acc	149.90	159.50	-0.50	...
High Inc P folio	59.16	61.31	-0.64	4.67
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	65.52	66.42	+0.15	6.05
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	133.10	141.60	-0.40	1.72
UK Growth	143.50	152.70	-1.20	2.15
UK Income	120.40	128.10†	-0.70	4.27
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	80.64	86.25†	+0.01	1.76
Growth	43.56	46.59	-0.54	2.94
Income	52.88	56.56	-0.52	4.30
Far East	47.53	50.83†	-0.08	0.16
North American	77.86	83.72†	+1.71	0.01
Global	80.75	86.37	+0.62	0.77
European	68.43	73.19	+0.32	1.22
Japan	110.90	118.60	+0.40	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	56.82	60.17†	+0.20	5.25
UK Cap Gwth	76.91	82.28†	-1.01	2.21

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CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	122.20	130.10†	+1.00	0.12
-do- Acc	129.90	138.20	+0.90	0.12
European	64.66	68.49	+0.09	0.90
-do- Acc	67.02	70.99	+0.10	0.90
Far East Gen	63.07	67.10	+0.19	...
-do- Acc	63.07	67.10	+0.19	...
Glenfriars	239.70	255.00	+2.50	0.75
-do- Acc	269.80	287.10	+2.90	0.75
Growth	371.10	396.90	-3.60	2.34
-do- Acc	635.20	679.40	-6.10	2.34
Income Growth	366.00	389.40	-7.00	3.86
-do- Acc	486.70	517.80	-9.20	3.86
Master Portfolio	9192.0	9521.0†	-26.00	2.90
-do- Acc	10637.0	11019.0	-30.00	2.90
Special Sits	84.67	90.08	-1.50	2.30
-do- Acc	99.08	105.41	-1.76	2.30
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1167.0	1204.0†	-13.00	4.43
-do- Acc	1377.0	1420.0	-16.00	4.43
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	182.80	194.70	+1.10	1.70
Capital	516.40	551.10†	-5.80	2.42
Eurotrack 100	126.70	134.70	+0.50	1.53
Euro Gth	78.45	83.56	+0.32	1.35
Far East Growth	88.64	94.59	+1.02	0.14
Global Bond	23.04	24.28	+0.09	6.16
Hong Kong	75.60	80.66	-0.02	0.85
Income	487.70	520.40†	-4.20	4.00
Intl Growth	72.47	77.34	+0.46	1.01
Japan Growth	269.00	287.00	+1.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.25	35.48	+0.33	...
Japan Index	77.21	82.40	-0.30	0.23
Nth American	406.20	433.50†	+2.10	1.00
S pore Mly Gth	50.14	53.51†	+0.19	...
The Footsie Fd	104.80	110.60	-1.10	2.66
Tiger Index	131.80	140.60	+0.70	0.71
Trixie Index	103.20	110.10	-0.40	2.61
UK Index	120.30	128.30	-1.20	3.03
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	80.29	85.76	+0.66	1.00
European P folio	70.89	75.39†	-0.05	1.38
Japanese P folio	63.11	66.99	+0.22	...
Pacific P folio	92.80	99.79	-0.11	1.16
Cazenove P folio	69.03	73.83	-0.14	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.17	65.68†	-0.39	5.00
Utility & Bond	48.71	49.37†	-0.06	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	595.05	600.00	-12.50	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.80	-3.50	9.49
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	585.59	585.74	...	5.10
-do- Acc	2295.4	2305.3	-32.30	...
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	-2.84	9.34
-do- Acc	165.20	165.44	-2.35	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.72	64.97†	...	2.32
Beckman Intl	78.54	82.88†	-0.34	3.20
Friars Hse Inc	174.03	187.13†	...	6.22
Friars Hse Cap	245.35	263.82	...	2.76
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	41.51	44.16	+0.19	...
Smaller Cos	35.15	37.39	+1.35	1.82
-do- Acc	39.59	42.12	+1.50	1.82
UK General	66.42	70.66	-0.78	2.51
-do- Acc	79.63	84.71	-0.93	2.51
Wwide Bd	61.42	65.26	+0.27	6.19
-do- Acc	78.92	83.86	+0.34	6.19
Wwide Sp Sits	55.17	59.01	+0.20	0.18
-do- Acc	57.47	61.47	+0.21	0.18
Quilter General	117.51	125.01†	-1.31	2.51
-do- Acc	130.51	138.84	-1.73	2.51
Quilter Income	91.40	97.23†	-1.10	3.89
-do- Acc	112.65	119.84	-1.35	3.89
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.84	91.84†	-0.01	5.49
-do- Acc	91.84	91.84†	-0.01	5.49
Fin Property	...	...	...	...
Fixed Conv	40.28	42.85†	-0.06	7.49
-do- Acc	106.75	113.56	+0.12	7.49
Equity Inc	143.59	152.76	-1.56	3.50
-do- Acc	460.94	490.36	-5.02	3.50
High Yield	115.99	123.39	-0.99	4.70
-do- Acc	438.01	465.97	-3.72	4.70
Preference	46.45	49.42†	+0.04	7.42
-do- Acc	238.51	253.73	+0.18	7.42
PPT Europe	147.04	156.43†	+0.74	0.96
PPT Mnthly Inc Plus	47.08	50.08†	-0.02	8.04
PPT Global Bnd	80.43	85.44†	+0.26	5.88
PPT Gold Com	51.61	54.90†	+0.32	...
PPT Oriental Gth	90.30	96.70†	+0.17	0.57
PPT Far East Gth	104.26	110.91†	+0.65	0.25
PPT Managed	59.90	63.73	-0.20	3.35
-do- Acc	73.23	77.90	-0.25	3.35
PPT Japan	117.45	124.95†	+2.31	...
PPT N Amer	140.81	149.80†	-1.47	0.11
PPT UK Gth	113.96	121.23	-1.39	1.95
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	76.13	80.99	+0.27	0.98
Japanese Acc	60.87	64.76	+0.62	...
UK Balncd Inc	124.30	132.20	-1.00	2.54
-do- Acc	145.10	154.40	-1.10	2.54
UK Growth Acc	204.00	217.00†	-1.40	2.23
UK High Inc	130.10	138.40†	-0.90	6.86
-do- Acc	157.50	167.50†	-1.10	6.86
N America Acc	105.80	112.50	+0.80	0.34
European Acc	150.50	160.10	+1.10	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.79	63.43	+0.14	8.91
-do- Acc	96.50	102.40	+0.30	8.91
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.76	49.74	+0.51	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.74	75.26†	-0.45	1.47
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	107.10	113.80	+0.70	0.44
UK Smlr Cos	190.40	202.30†	-0.50	1.24
Eurofund	36.95	39.13	+0.05	1.02
Mngd Exempt	163.80	170.70†	+0.60	3.08
Growth Inc	207.50	220.50	-2.50	3.85
High Dist	135.20	143.70†	-1.40	5.39
International	313.10	332.70	-0.70	0.98
Intl Income	77.80	83.05†	-0.24	3.13
Pacific	55.40	58.86	+0.32	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	66.90	71.08	+0.31	...
Tokyo	203.50	216.20	+0.80	...
Japan Exempt	114.90	118.00	+0.90	0.42
Sm Jap Exempt	546.10	561.10	-14.00	0.09

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Formerly Target				
American Eagle	117.30	124.60	+0.80	1.13
Australia	6.669	7.086	+0.033	1.12
Equity	181.50	192.80	-1.90	3.63
Euro Spec Sits	138.80	146.90	+0.50	0.58
Financial	38.61	41.02	-0.13	2.95
Global Opps Inc	86.88	92.31	+0.47	2.18
-do- Acc	90.05	95.68	+0.48	2.18
Gold Gen Inc	43.61	46.34†	+0.13	0.93
-do- Acc	83.70	88.93†	+0.24	0.93
Income	118.20	125.60	-1.20	3.90
Japan General	157.20	167.00	+0.70	...
Preference	21.29	22.62†	+0.03	8.03
UK Capital	101.60	108.00	-1.00	3.12
Worldwide Cap	192.30	204.30	-0.90	3.15
World Income	80.74	85.79	+0.02	3.54
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	168.70	179.40	...	1.11
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	101.57	106.92†	-0.63	3.44
High Income	120.12	126.44	-0.70	4.82
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.51	147.90	-0.16	2.20
Special Sits	83.56	87.96	-0.11	2.86
North American	100.69	105.99	+1.84	1.06
Far Eastern	233.37	245.65	+1.80	1.47
Intl Growth	91.30	95.89	+0.56	1.46
European	62.57	65.86	+0.01	2.20
Smaller Cos	69.31	72.96	-0.25	2.23
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 787				
United Charities	218.00	231.80†	...	3.62
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.50
European Tst	115.40	122.80	+0.50	...
High Income	24.29	25.56†	-0.13	5.84
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	89.63	94.83	-0.06	0.83
Far Eastern	133.10	142.50	+0.20	...
Ovsrs Income	85.57	91.52	+0.27	2.58
UK Growth	91.19	97.53	-0.73	1.16
UK Income	98.36	105.20†	-1.20	3.77
US Smaller Cos	229.40	245.40	+3.50	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	400.50	428.20	+6.00	...
-do- Acc	409.20	437.60	+6.40	...
Capital	285.60	303.70	-0.80	1.91
-do- Acc	397.80	423.10	-1.00	1.91
Contl Smllr Cos	47.47	51.05	+0.08	0.90
-do- Acc	49.11	52.80	-0.08	0.90
Convertible	112.00	119.10	-0.20	6.04
-do- Acc	207.40	220.60	-0.40	6.04
European	94.79	101.30	-0.10	0.86
-do- Acc	97.95	104.70	-0.10	0.86
Extra Income	287.70	306.00	-1.50	4.09
-do- Acc	402.90	428.50	-2.00	4.09
Financial	101.50	108.90†	+0.50	0.66
-do- Acc	106.40	114.10†	+0.50	0.66
Health Fund Inc	107.30	114.60	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	107.30	114.60	+1.20	...
Income Tst	176.10	187.30	-1.40	3.75
-do- Acc	245.50	261.10	-1.80	3.75
Intl Growth	298.60	319.20	+3.60	...
-do- Acc	331.60	354.40	+3.90	...
Japan Gen	170.90	182.60	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	172.60	184.50	+0.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.42	93.07†	-0.15	0.94
-do- Acc	92.95	97.84†	+0.12	0.94
Monthly Income	148.50	157.90†	+0.20	4.10
Recovery	281.60	301.10	+1.40	0.74
-do- Acc	329.90	352.70	+1.70	0.74
Gilt Gth Tst	59.93	61.81†	+0.10	6.94
-do- Acc	77.44	79.86†	+0.13	6.94
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	336.98	358.49†	-3.13	2.93
-do- Acc	688.78	732.75†	-6.39	2.93
Euro Gth Dist	103.73	110.35	+0.15	0.91
-do- Acc	106.83	113.65	+0.16	0.91
Fixed Int Dist	128.39	135.81	+0.22	6.44
-do- Acc	215.70	228.16	+0.37	6.44
Intl Gth Dist	74.68	79.45	+0.13	0.79
-do- Acc	77.26	82.19	+0.14	0.79
Nth Amer Dist	159.48	168.94	+0.52	0.93
-do- Acc	172.95	183.21	+0.57	0.93
Pac Basin Dist	236.55	251.65	+0.76	0.27
-do- Acc	240.28	255.62	+0.77	0.27
Stewardship Dist	294.70	313.51†	-0.80	1.84
-do- Acc	351.37	373.80†	-0.95	1.84
Stwd Inc Dist	62.20	66.17†	-0.06	3.48
-do- Acc	76.79	81.69†	-0.07	3.48
N Am Stwd Dist	91.36	97.19	+1.12	...
-do- Acc	96.64	102.81	+1.19	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	134.00	143.40†	+3.40	...
European	390.90	417.80	+0.30	1.02
Far East General	216.10	231.20	+0.70	0.31
Germany	94.80	100.30	-0.70	0.45
Global Assets In	64.97	69.32†	-0.03	2.33
Global Assets Ac	68.88	73.50	-0.04	2.27
Income Inc	116.20	124.30	-0.30	7.07
International	254.70	272.20	+0.30	1.02
Intl Income	76.46	81.28	+0.28	4.90
Japan General	356.80	379.10†	+1.20	...
Smllr Cos Div	46.35	49.58	-0.13	6.12
UK Capital Inc	157.40	168.40	-0.30	3.97
-do- Acc	269.30	288.10	-1.10	3.89
Uk Spec Sits	71.33	76.29	...	1.66
US General	107.60	114.50†	+0.20	0.12
W wide Spec Sits	112.20	120.00	-0.20	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.77	45.74	-0.83	1.40
Cash Trust*	128.41	128.41	+0.02	5.32
Practl Inv Inc	100.14	107.39	...	4.06
-do- Acc	214.98	230.54	...	4.06
UK Smaller Cos	99.54	106.75	+0.03	1.19
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.12	26.87†	+0.34	7.89
High Inc	30.71	32.84†	+0.06	5.09
UK Equity Inc	123.87	132.48	-1.96	4.01
Global Bond	28.65	29.69	+0.11	5.83
International Funds				
Gold Ind	74.72	80.13	-0.01	1.05
Frontier Markets	38.58	41.37†	-0.05	0.44
Global Inc Gth	114.63	122.27†	+0.39	2.25
UK Intl	108.65	116.20	-0.37	0.56
Overseas Funds				
American	122.37	130.38	+0.37	0.50
European	79.84	84.67	+0.35	0.69
Euro Sel Opps	92.33	98.35	+0.45	0.84
American Emerg	74.49	79.88	+0.99	...
Hong Kong	108.20	116.03	+0.80	1.98
Japan	218.68	232.78	+0.94	...
Pacific Growth	145.90	156.46	+0.58	0.45

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	122.77	131.30	+0.39	0.37
American Gth	115.41	123.44	+1.74	...
European Gth	66.21	70.74	-0.62	0.42
German Horizn	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	77.13	82.49	+0.16	...
Pacific Inc	136.56	146.05	-0.19	2.85
Pacific Strategy	114.06	121.99	+0.16	0.25
UK Prog Inc	70.30	74.20	-1.29	4.61
Gt British Cos	46.87	49.36†	-0.48	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.00	47.06	-0.10	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9666				
Cash	130.90	130.90†	...	4.87
Gth Fixed	117.90	125.10	+0.40	6.59
Growth Equity	279.70	298.80	-3.10	2.12
Guardhill	411.80	439.90	-3.80	2.39
Income Trust	106.10	113.30	-1.40	3.48
International	151.70	162.00	+0.40	0.36
Japan Trust	123.10	131.50	+0.30	...
Nth American	239.00	255.30†	+1.40	0.48
Pacific	351.70	375.70†	+0.60	...
European	338.30	361.40	+2.10	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.23	36.29	+0.10	1.80
-do- Acc	35.83	37.99	+0.10	1.80
Inc Adv Inc	28.93	30.67	...	4.33
-do- Acc	30.07	31.88	...	4.33
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690396				
Canadian	71.30	76.38	-0.32	0.93
Equity Income	110.80	117.90	-0.80	3.42
European	128.20	136.70†	+0.30	0.89
Intl Situation	73.08	77.74	+0.57	...
Japanese	141.50	150.10	+2.00	...
North American	94.12	99.86	-0.64	...
Scandinavian	110.70	117.00	+0.70	0.44
Smaller Cos	29.55	31.44	...	2.04
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	84.67	90.55†	+1.99	...
Asian Enterprise	119.93	129.19	-0.99	0.74
Australian	130.36	139.34†	-1.04	1.28
European	359.64	380.74†	+1.17	1.36
European Inc	68.24	72.17	+0.23	3.10
Euro Sml Co	120.03	128.40	+0.39	0.68
Extra Income	253.23	269.58	-1.75	4.96
Family of Funds	68.49	73.11	+0.19	1.30
Fixed Interest	54.66	58.44	+0.07	8.07
Global Resour	91.95	98.70	-0.03	0.87
High Inc	278.53	297.73†	-1.67	4.22
Income Gth	232.69	247.80	-2.09	3.38
-do- Acc	585.53	623.60	-5.29	3.38
International	222.71	237.43†	-0.83	0.84
Japan Spc Sit	233.37	248.45	+1.33	...
Japan	202.87	215.61	+1.00	...
N Amer	207.55	220.89	+0.88	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	176.57	189.95†	-0.94	0.37
Pref Gilt	44.57	48.41†	+0.02	8.41
Smaller Cos Div	160.05	174.49†	+0.20	3.95
Special Sits	252.46	270.12	-2.46	2.04
-do- Acc	389.01	416.23	-3.80	2.04
Best of British	53.69	57.56†	-0.48	2.36
Spirit of the East	57.47	61.49†	-0.07	0.42
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	85.48	91.42	-1.89	2.48
Capital	150.70	161.10	-1.30	2.03
Dollar	289.40	309.50	+1.40	0.07
European	189.90	203.10	+0.40	0.59
Far East	222.10	237.50	...	0.53
Financial	663.30	709.40†	-2.00	2.52
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.10	26.07	-0.13	8.19
High Yield	98.37	105.20	-0.80	4.79
Income	129.50	138.50	-1.50	3.81
Intl	205.80	220.10	+0.10	0.27
Japan Tech	69.74	74.58	+0.20	...
Nat Resources	55.21	59.04	-0.01	0.73
Security	287.50	307.40†	-3.50	2.19
Smaller Cos	106.80	114.20†	-0.10	1.53
Special Sits	132.80	142.00	-1.40	2.00
US Smaller Cos	61.21	65.46	+2.40	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	236.40	248.80	+0.10	1.46
Capital Gwth	98.720	103.90	...	2.55
Inv Trusts	...	...	...	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.80	26.07	-0.05	1.59
Special Features	26.27	27.91†	-0.19	1.67
-do- Acc	31.02	32.95†	-0.23	1.67
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.80	54.45†	-0.59	1.97
Assets Earnings	68.38	72.65	-0.82	1.95
do Acc	80.35	85.37	-0.96	1.96
Managed Invest	84.14	89.89	-0.14	1.22
Expert Children	72.85	77.71†	-0.79	1.87
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.48	50.48	+0.01	4.44
Extra Inc	77.20	82.67	-0.37	4.92
Gilt	27.49	28.94	+0.04	6.82
Income Gth	37.55	40.17†	-0.38	3.51
Midstar	74.12	73.88†	+0.18	8.09
Preference	17.71	19.40	+0.01	6.17
UK Income	298.40	319.30†	-2.60	3.00
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	54.17	57.55	-0.19	1.31
Property Shares	59.80	63.53	-0.09	1.86
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	137.90	145.00†	-2.10	3.86
European Acc	106.90	113.30	+0.50	1.85
European Dist	101.80	107.90	+0.60	1.85
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.63	49.56	+0.21	0.94
European Perf	105.40	111.90	+0.30	1.08
-do- Acc	107.40	114.00	+0.30	1.08
Euro Small Cos	20.69	22.03	+0.07	0.76
French Growth	65.42	69.63	+0.15	0.53
-do- Acc	69.89	74.38	+0.16	0.53
Hong K/China	67.18	72.29	+0.43	1.72
Intl Growth	49.06	52.12	+0.09	0.67
-do- Acc	49.06	52.12	+0.09	0.67
Japan Perf	34.92	37.10	+0.12	...
Accum Units	34.92	37.10	+0.12	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.94	37.14	+0.11	...
Singapore Asean	73.82	79.89	+0.23	0.31
-do- Acc	74.28	80.39	+0.23	0.31
South East Asia	215.70	232.70	+0.30	1.02
US Smllr Cos	98.33	104.40	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	99.37	105.50	+0.90	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	80.66	85.90	+0.08	2.27
Intl Bond	55.56	56.31	+0.20	6.46
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.24	69.58†	+0.01	5.01
Extra Income	50.07	53.27	-0.90	6.87
Gilt Yield	117.00	123.50	+0.10	7.46
Global Income	188.20	200.20†	-0.75	4.38
High Yield	130.10	138.40†	-1.20	5.98

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smllr Cos Div	45.93	48.88†	+0.02	4.30
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	85.11	90.54	+1.33	...
North American	70.81	75.33	+0.55	0.42
European	127.10	135.20	+0.30	0.87
Euro Special	76.70	81.60	+0.31	0.94
General	259.40	271.70	-3.10	3.28
Japan	402.50	428.20†	+1.50	...
Japanese Special	211.00	224.50	+0.80	...
Master Acc	210.10	223.50	-0.50	1.38
Pacific	251.50	267.60†	+0.90	0.80
Smaller Cos	98.61	104.90	+2.86	2.00
UK Equity Gth	33.72	35.87	-0.40	1.81
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	71.43	75.99	+0.39	0.87
Extra Income	23.25	24.73†	-0.20	3.36
Far East	25.86	27.51†	+0.12	0.96
Income Gwth	70.45	74.96	-0.60	2.98
Intl Growth	49.84	53.02†	+0.17	0.75
Japan	63.64	67.70	+0.65	...
Maximum Dist*	99.22	101.20†	+0.10	6.86
N Amer Equity	36.56	38.89	+0.15	0.49
UK Equity	83.90	89.26†	-0.87	2.98
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.13	55.46	-0.63	4.51
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	410.20	436.40	-4.50	2.97
Equity Acc	778.70	828.40	-8.50	2.97
Equity Income	89.22	94.92	-0.70	5.20
European	92.65	98.56	-0.22	1.73
Far Eastern	175.90	186.70	-0.40	0.31
Fixed Interest	50.71	53.95	+0.04	6.47
Gilt	88.54	93.89†	+0.13	6.55
Global Growth	63.08	67.11	-0.17	0.77
Intl Bond	54.40	57.87	+0.15	4.91
Japanese	69.31	73.73	-0.05	...
Overseas Equity	92.92	96.72	-0.30	0.82
Pacific Gth	80.78	85.94†	-0.16	1.30
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	302.50	321.90†	-2.50	2.93
-do- Acc	664.60	707.10	-5.50	2.93
Contl Euro Gth	49.25	51.85	+0.35	1.58
-do- Acc	52.08	54.83	+0.37	1.58
Extra Inc	231.70	246.50	-5.30	3.85
-do- Acc	563.40	599.40	-13.00	3.85
German Gth	98.02	103.20	+0.40	0.33
-do- Acc	102.80	108.30	+0.50	0.33
Growth Port	476.70	507.20	-0.30	1.56
-do- Acc	476.20	507.20	-0.30	1.56
Income	433.60	461.30†	-3.60	3.57
-do- Acc	1112.0	1184.0	-9.00	3.57
Income Port	476.60	507.10†	-2.10	5.00
-do- Acc	481.30	512.10	-2.00	5.00
Japan Growth	93.19	99.14	+0.26	0.01
-do- Acc	93.52	99.49	+0.27	0.01
Master Trust	50.45	53.68	-0.07	1.63
-do- Acc	54.87	58.38	+0.07	1.63
N American Gen	169.40	180.30	+1.00	0.01
-do- Acc	195.60	208.10	+1.00	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	126.60	134.70	+0.10	0.01
-do- Acc	129.20	137.50	+0.10	0.01
Pacific Basin	193.10	205.50	-3.30	0.59
-do- Acc	204.00	217.10	-3.60	0.59
Small Cos Rec	296.20	311.80†	...	2.25
-do- Acc	385.70	406.00	...	2.25
UK Growth	75.58	80.41	-1.81	2.40
-do- Acc	88.12	93.75	-2.13	2.40
Worldwide Gth	263.20	280.00	-0.90	0.25
-do- Acc	387.90	412.70	+1.50	0.25
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	74.48	79.91†	-0.69	3.10
Income	58.41	62.67	-0.37	5.90
International	55.10	59.12	+0.08	0.80
American	56.05	60.14	+0.34	0.40
Japan	53.17	57.05	+0.18	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.63	57.54†	-0.04	2.10
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	362.10	382.30	...	0.84
-do- Acc	446.80	471.80	...	0.84
American Rec	384.00	406.10†	...	0.19
-do- Acc	440.00	465.30	...	0.19
Am Sm Co Acc	108.80	115.00	...	0.03
Australia Acc	141.70	149.70	...	1.31
Capital	643.10	680.10	...	2.59
-do- Acc	709.60	750.40	...	2.59
Commodity Acc	403.70	427.00	...	0.76
Compnd Gth	802.00	848.00	...	2.92
Dividend	34.90	36.90	...	4.19
-do- Acc	135.70	143.70	...	4.19
Equity Inc	289.50	306.10	...	4.82
European Div	57.90	61.20	...	4.39
-do- Acc	65.50	69.10	...	4.39
European Gen	371.20	392.50	...	1.71
-do- Acc	463.70	490.40	...	1.71
Extra Yield	370.80	392.10	...	4.28
-do- Acc	1084.2	1146.6	...	4.28
Far Eastern	286.20	302.70	...	0.69
-do- Acc	376.50	398.20	...	0.69
Fund of Inv	483.20	511.00	...	2.28
-do- Acc	872.00	922.10	...	2.28
General	52.50	55.50	...	3.59
-do- Acc	138.20	146.20	...	3.59
Gilt Fxd Int	61.20	61.20	...	8.00
do Acc	151.10	151.20	...	8.00
Gold	46.60	49.30	...	1.15
-do- Acc	54.50	57.60	...	1.15
High Inc	24.60	26.00	...	4.55
-do- Acc	91.00	96.50	...	4.55
Intl Growth	66.40	70.40	...	0.91
-do- Acc	114.40	121.30	...	0.91
Intl Inc	88.90	94.00†	...	4.64
Japan Gen Acc	49.00	51.70	...	...
Japan Smllr Cos	141.50	149.70	...	...
Midland	51.60	54.60†	...	3.55
-do- Acc	165.10	174.70	...	3.55
Recovery	36.00	38.10	...	2.72
-do- Acc	56.60	59.80	...	2.72
Second Gen	59.40	62.80	...	3.58
-do- Acc	145.30	153.60	...	3.58
Smaller Cos	57.50	60.80	...	3.21
-do- Acc	109.00	115.30	...	3.21
Trustee	37.60	39.80†	...	3.89
Charibond 3	†110.60	...	...	9.75
Charifund 2	613.10	619.30†	...	5.08
Pension ex 1	822.50	848.20†	...	4.27
NAACIF Inc 3	145.90	...	...	7.85
-do- Acc 3	11071.7	...	...	7.85
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	132.00	141.20	-0.42	2.11
-do- Acc	146.60	156.80	-0.42	2.11
UK Income	110.50	118.10	-1.09	2.78
-do- Acc	123.20	131.80	-1.09	2.78
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	74.89	80.09	...	0.85
Far East (Pacific)	132.20	140.30	+0.40	0.68
Income Growth	69.29	73.55†	-0.22	4.30
European	65.33	69.35	+0.18	1.31
Nth American	54.64	58.00	+0.20	1.05
UK Growth	73.86	78.40	-0.39	1.65
Intl Growth	89.70	95.22†	+0.17	0.58
Charities	104.10	110.50†	-0.30	4.22

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	65.82	69.66	+0.14	4.59
Japan	52.39	55.61	+0.18	0.08
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	177.60	188.40	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	189.80	201.30	+0.50	...
Cash	100.30	100.30†	...	5.63
-do- Acc	129.00	129.00†	+0.10	5.63
European Gth	185.70	197.00	-0.10	0.81
-do- Acc	198.80	210.90	-0.10	0.81
General	444.10	473.70†	-4.60	2.56
-do- Acc	844.70	901.00†	-8.80	2.56
Global Dist	128.10	134.60†	+0.40	5.42
-do- Acc	143.30	150.60†	+0.40	5.42
Income	134.10	143.10	-1.00	4.76
-do- Acc	196.20	209.30	-1.30	4.76
International	369.70	393.60	+1.10	0.71
-do- Acc	490.30	522.10	+1.50	0.71
Japan	175.70	186.40	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	180.40	191.40	+0.60	...
New Europe	131.70	140.50	...	1.85
-do- Acc	133.80	142.80	...	1.85
Recovery	285.90	305.00	-0.80	2.94
-do- Acc	361.50	385.60	-1.10	2.94
European Inc	71.84	76.40	+0.14	3.19
-do- Acc	91.13	96.92	+0.18	3.19
Brit Blue Chip	69.82	74.41†	-0.59	3.39
-do- Acc	82.40	87.75†	-0.70	3.39
Portfolio	71.62	76.15†	-0.22	2.98
-do- Acc	81.44	86.60†	-0.25	2.98
Gold General	96.44	103.70	+0.10	0.90
-do- Acc	97.34	105.10	...	0.90
Pacific	86.08	91.82	+0.30	0.91
-do- Acc	90.99	97.06	+0.32	0.91
UK Smaller Cos	49.54	52.84†	-0.93	2.14
-do- Acc	55.28	58.97†	-1.02	2.14
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	55.69	59.54†	-0.15	3.05
-do- Acc	56.53	60.46	-0.16	3.05
British Dist	74.15	79.31	-0.74	2.07
-do- Acc	83.94	89.78	-0.84	2.07
European Gth	162.60	173.70	+0.80	0.33
-do- Acc	204.10	218.10	+1.00	0.33
Extra High Inc	66.63	71.26†	-0.21	6.36
-do- Acc	117.20	125.30	-0.40	6.36
FT-SE 100 Index	46.68	49.93	-0.53	2.71
-do- Acc	46.68	49.93	-0.53	2.71
Gilt Fixed Int	55.31	57.58	+0.07	6.86
-do- Acc	145.80	151.50	+0.20	6.86
High Yield	208.00	222.50†	-1.40	4.73
-do- Acc	488.50	522.50	-3.40	4.73
Income	268.30	287.00	-2.60	3.55
-do- Acc	557.80	596.60	-5.50	3.55
Japan Gth	338.80	362.40	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	357.60	382.50	+1.80	...
Mandarin Acc	91.32	97.87	+0.22	1.25
North American	156.30	167.20	+0.70	0.53
-do- Acc	196.50	210.30	+0.90	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	244.90	261.00	+2.70	...
Deposit Inc	100.18	100.18	+0.01	5.09
Deposit Acc	122.15	122.15	+0.02	5.09
Euro Gth Acc	261.00	278.70	+0.30	...
Europa	118.20	127.00	+0.20	...
Intl Gth	161.80	172.90†	+1.00	...
Japan Tracker	74.61	78.98†	+0.22	...
UK Equity Inc	142.60	153.70†	-0.60	4.27
-do- Acc	174.70	188.30†	-0.80	4.27
UK Ind Tracker	137.80	147.50	-1.10	3.28
US Eq Ind Trkr	180.50	191.30	+0.90	1.52
-do- Acc	191.00	202.40	+1.00	1.52
Asian Trader	146.10	158.30†	+0.50	0.49
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	155.30	199.00	+0.20	2.40
European	58.70	59.98	-0.32	1.17
Olympiad	51.57	52.88	-0.07	0.49
Global Bond	46.13	48.64†	+0.12	6.71
Smaller Cos	63.35	66.06†	-0.01	1.24
Equity Income	90.04	92.48	-0.70	5.19
UK Growth	80.31	82.65†	-0.56	2.12
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	44.31	47.26	+0.27	1.01
Australian Acc	277.90	298.10	+3.50	...
Conscience	62.40	66.59	-0.37	0.93
-do- Acc	67.01	71.51	-0.40	0.93
European	161.30	172	+0.50	1.13
-do- Acc	173.50	185	+0.50	1.13
Extra Income	70.65	75.39	-0.42	5.89
-do- Acc	107.20	114.40	-0.60	5.89
Far East Gth	155.10	165.90	+0.40	0.14
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.12	60.46	+0.04	8.42
Gold	36.96	39.74	+1.12	...
-do- Acc	39.80	42.79	+1.20	...
Income	50.71	54.09	-0.49	5.20
-do- Acc	152.10	162.20	-1.40	5.20
International	28.03	30.07	+0.09	1.10
-do- Acc	40.27	43.20	+0.11	1.10
Jap Sm Cos Acc	313	333.80	+1.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	167.80	179.90	+4.30	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.42	26.25	-0.04	2.10
Special Sits	31.22	33.56	-0.50	1.82
-do- Acc	35.95	38.65	-0.58	1.82
Tokyo	83.39	88.94	+0.28	...
-do- Acc	84.23	89.84	+0.39	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.34	69.52	-0.74	2.86
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.81	77.05	+0.17	7.22
N&P Higher Inc	189.10	201.20	-1.10	4.54
N&P UK Income	98.85	105.16	-1.04	3.86
N&P Intl	83.84	89.20†	-0.16	1.82
N&P Smaller Cos	74.00	78.73†	+0.04	1.95
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	154.52	164.39†	-0.91	2.33
Global	267.13	284.19†	+0.50	1.14
Growth	102.69	109.25†	-0.76	2.55
Income	191.63	203.87†	-1.59	4.40
Intl Bond	122.32	129.88†	+0.50	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	131.70	138.00†	-1.30	2.63
-do- Acc	233.60	245.80	-2.30	2.63
Income	209.90	223.20†	-1.50	3.70
Intl Equity	214.10	227.70	+0.90	0.92
-do- Acc	234.40	249.30	+1.00	0.92
Equity	210.40	223.80	-2.10	2.48
-do- Acc	426.60	453.80	-4.20	2.48
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.73	70.99	-0.43	1.98
UK Income	58.39	62.11	-0.41	3.21
UK Smllr Co Acc	70.63	75.13	-0.20	1.51
New Europe Acc	59.08	62.85	+0.33	1.51
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	86.46	92.48	+0.47	0.13
PEP Gth Inc	95.98	102.66	+0.18	1.15
Intl Gth	460.78	492.82	+1.73	0.86
Income	284.42	304.20†	-3.81	3.48
W wide Recov	294.17	314.63	+1.17	0.46
American Gth	192.13	205.48	+2.82	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	175.63	187.84	+1.42	0.09
Far East Gth	207.52	221.95	+1.64	0.01

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	108.42	115.96	+0.15	1.27
UK Growth	73.05	78.13	-1.05	3.05
High Income	79.80	85.35	-0.34	4.59
Japanese Gth	209.81	223.08	+1.17	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	166.10	175.70†	...	0.90
High Income	105.80	112.60†	-0.60	3.76
Conv Gilt	107.60	114.50	-0.20	6.46
Far East	291.50	310.10†	+0.90	0.40
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	46.82	49.81	+0.62	0.59
Emerging Mkts	57.20	60.85	-1.87	0.24
General	45.63	48.54	-0.52	3.53
International	80.48	85.62	+0.08	1.33
Gilt Units	24.82	25.99†	+0.01	8.31
Global PEP	33.42	35.55†	-0.16	2.19
Income Gth	62.04	66.00†	-0.65	5.33
European	41.36	44.00	-0.07	1.21
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.35	26.97	-0.09	6.18
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Priceline: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	30.02	32.10	...	1.63
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.78	101.78†	...	5.47
-do- Acc	104.86	104.86†	...	5.47
Pru Equity	637.04	681.32†	...	2.48
Pru Equity Inc	78.40	83.84	...	4.58
Pru European	165.66	177.17	...	1.90
Pru Global Gth	76.45	81.76	...	1.57
Pru High Inc	84.31	90.17†	...	5.70
Pru Intl	153.98	164.68	...	1.32
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.86	69.36†	...	0.93
Pru Japanese	197.72	211.46†	...	...
Pru Nth Amer	133.44	142.71	...	0.49
Pru Pacific Mkt	69.98	74.84	...	1.88
Pru Premr Inc	48.23	50.22†	...	7.62
Pru Smllr Cos	80.75	86.36†	...	2.00
Pru Spec Sits	95.47	102.10	...	2.27
Pru UK Grwth	106.61	114.02†	...	2.37
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	146.11	157.23†	-1.66	3.77
NC Japan	269.58	288.91	+2.96	...
NC Maj UK Cos	90.02	96.83	-0.94	2.49
NC America Inc	449.19	481.98	+4.54	0.89
-do- Acc	521.73	559.83	+5.28	0.89
NC Smlr UK Cos	253.83	277.05	+0.64	1.53
NC European	244.38	260.88	+2.05	1.34
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	68.67	73.05†	+0.28	4.00
Capital Units	138.80	147.30	-0.40	1.43
Commodity	95.67	101.70	-0.30	1.28
European Gth	145.00	154.20	+0.50	1.38
Financial Sec	164.50	175.00	-0.10	1.92
High Return	208.40	221.60	-0.60	4.50
High Yield	199.10	211.80†	-0.70	4.12
Income Units	105.30	112.00	-0.40	4.91
Investment	166.30	176.90†	+0.20	1.17
Japan Gth	149.20	158.70	+0.50	...
Japan Smaller	174.10	185.20†	+0.70	...
Masterfund	44.36	47.19	+0.08	0.96
Scotbits	238.60	253.80	-0.10	1.66
Scotshares	253.60	269.70	-0.60	2.68
Scotyields	216.10	229.80	-1.10	4.03
Select Intl	123.90	131.80†	-0.30	0.75
Smaller Cos	219.30	233.20†	+0.60	4.13
Special Situation	108.50	115.40	-0.40	0.73
UK Equity	217.70	231.50	-0.40	2.89
US Growth	130.40	138.70	+0.60	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	223.87	238.79†	+1.28	0.58
-do- Acc	242.52	258.68	+1.38	0.58
Australian	121.66	129.77	+0.33	0.92
-do- Acc	143.03	152.57	+0.39	0.92
UK Enterprise	203.18	216.72	-2.05	2.62
-do- Acc	234.71	250.35	-2.37	2.62
European Gth	58.79	62.70	+0.01	1.31
-do- Acc	60.85	64.91	+0.01	1.31
Euro Smllr Cos	55.15	58.82	-0.05	0.34
-do- Acc	55.53	59.22	-0.05	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	66.51	70.94	+0.03	...
-do- Acc	67.59	72.08	+0.02	...
Fixed Interest	51.11	53.91	+0.07	7.32
-do- Acc	62.07	65.46	+0.08	7.32
Gilt Income	100.86	106.30	+0.12	7.55
-do- Acc	140.87	148.46	+0.17	7.55
Income	298.82	318.74	-3.47	4.08
-do- Acc	881.43	940.21	-10.24	4.08
Japan Enterprise	66.92	71.38†	+0.25	...
-do- Acc	66.92	71.38	+0.25	...
Japan Smllr Cos	435.98	465.02	+1.65	...
-do- Acc	436.83	465.95	+1.65	...
Pacific Gth	87.74	93.58	+0.73	0.46
-do- Acc	90.34	96.35	+0.74	0.46
Smaller Cos	183.29	195.50	-0.45	1.04
-do- Acc	210.05	224.06	-0.50	1.04
Tokyo	106.48	113.57	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	107.55	114.72	+0.40	...
UK Equity	200.14	213.48	-2.01	2.76
-do- Acc	370.64	395.35	-3.72	2.76
US Smllr Cos	125.16	133.50†	+1.96	...
-do- Acc	125.16	133.50	+1.96	...
World Fd	67.77	72.28	-0.34	1.69
-do- Acc	71.45	76.21	-0.36	1.69
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	43.45	46.27	+0.20	4.43
Equity Strategy	62.59	66.66	+0.32	1.28
European Opps	69.95	74.18	+0.26	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.66	101.23	+0.02	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	50.26	53.53	+0.12	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	332.50	355.30	-3.60	2.46
American	229.90	244.10	-1.90	0.94
Pacific	318.50	340.60	-1.20	0.65
European	439.10	469.60	+1.10	1.26
Worldwide	76.12	81.41	-0.11	1.22
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	292.70	311.40	-3.20	2.45
UK Sm Cos Eqty	200.90	213.80	-0.60	1.88
European	317.10	337.40†	...	2.08
North American	234.80	249.80†	-0.40	0.53
Income Plus Inc	63.12	67.15	-1.04	3.75
UK Spec Sits	65.10	69.26	-0.69	2.31
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH12 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.51	26.23†	-0.26	3.08
Intl Growth Acc	28.01	29.96†	+0.07	1.19
Global Inc Acc	30.36	32.49	-0.05	3.84
Market Ldrs Acc	25.19	26.96	-0.30	2.98
SG TOUCHE REMNANT				
2 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 410 4029				
American Gth	76.92	82.26	...	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.28	47.20†	...	...
-do- Acc	46.88	49.97	...	...
Far East Opps	30.18	32.44	...	...
-do- Acc	31.01	33.34	...	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	95.98	102.70	...	[illegible]
Global Tech	110.20	119.10†	...	...
Income Growth	99.56	107.00	...	[illegible]
Income Monthly	56.51	60.43	...	[illegible]
Japan Growth	80.48	85.59	...	...
Overseas Gth	72.87	77.55†	...	...
Smaller Cos	71.07	76.41†	...	1.62
Special Opps	100.00	107.50	...	2.15
Wld Spec Sits	45.69	49.26	...	...
-do- Acc	45.79	49.38	...	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	394.32	...	-0.01	...
Global Bond	394.75	...	+0.18	7.52
Japan Samurai	194.32	...	-0.01	...
UK Growth	193.74	...	-0.04	4.21
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	42.58	45.25	+0.10	1.85
Equity Gth Acc	57.89	61.51	+0.10	1.59
UK Eq General	40.66	43.21†	...	2.40
-do- Acc	53.76	57.13	...	2.40
European Acc	39.99	42.49	+0.40	1.15
Far East Acc	53.24	56.57	...	0.28
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.59	31.30†	+0.10	6.86
N American Acc	40.56	43.10	+0.10	0.84
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	265.90	288.60	+1.30	1.51
UK Eq High Inc	34.46	36.62†	+0.10	3.89
-do- Acc	40.92	43.48	+0.10	3.89
UK Lgr Cos Inc	281.10	305.00†	-0.30	1.85
UK Lgr Cos Acc	366.00	397.20	-0.30	1.85
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N£283.61	N£283.84	-0.044	1.12
US Eq	$2.080	$2.207	+0.038	0.79
Far East Eq	Y248.6	Y264.1	+4.60	0.50
Japan Eq	Y242.7	Y257.8	+3.70	...
FT Europe	109.30	116.00	+0.90	2.18
FT North Am	$1.698	$1.801	+0.021	1.08
FT Japan	Y243.6	Y256.7	+4.60	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.828	$1.942	-0.024	1.75
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	320.00	340.50	+1.20	0.32
British	904.50	957.00	-5.60	4.42
European	387.50	412.70	+1.90	1.44
Japan	139.80	148.50	+0.50	...
New Pacific	277.30	295.30	+1.60	1.33
Mngd Cash	95.70	95.70	...	4.95
Majority Stlg	99.87	100.87	+0.01	4.85
Inv Tst	179.20	190.00	-0.30	1.87
Salnus PPP	366.90	390.20	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin: 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	701.40	750.20	-6.90	2.50
N America Acc	105.50	113.30	+0.30	0.11
Far East Acc	117.40	125.60	+0.60	...
W wide Bond	58.74	62.39†	+0.17	5.55
European	80.87	86.49	+0.40	0.72
Equity Income	79.43	84.95	-0.92	3.81
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.28	34.53	+0.07	0.61
Managed Assets	115.06	123.06	-0.57	1.40
UK Income	35.33	37.79	-0.35	3.09
UK Growth	34.99	37.43	-0.35	2.39
Worldwide Gth	29.86	31.94†	+0.02	0.41
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	192.94	205.25	+2.59	0.21
-do- Acc	211.90	225.43	+2.84	0.21
British Gth	81.41	86.61†	-1.50	1.92
-do- Acc	95.79	101.90†	-1.77	1.92
European	91.01	96.82	+0.04	0.74
-do- Acc	96.00	102.13	+0.05	0.74
Extra Inc	180.40	191.92	-1.34	3.88
-do- Acc	287.79	306.16	-2.13	3.88
General Unit	250.46	266.45	-4.61	2.59
-do- Acc	494.21	525.76	-9.10	2.59
Income	315.77	335.93	-3.06	3.46
-do- Acc	643.18	684.23	-6.23	3.45
International	462.05	491.54	-0.68	0.81
-do- Acc	604.83	643.49	-0.87	0.81
Pacific	321.73	342.27	-0.97	...
-do- Acc	336.95	358.46	-1.02	...
Premier Income	49.81	51.89	+0.16	6.54
-do- Acc	103.85	108.18	+0.32	6.54
Nat Resources	105.20	111.92	-2.90	0.34
-do- Acc	115.39	122.75	-3.18	0.34
Selected Opps	94.06	100.06	-0.84	1.13
-do- Acc	117.75	125.27	-1.06	1.13
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smll Cos	69.64	74.28	-1.66	...
-do- Acc	71.83	76.61	-1.72	...
Cash	50.42	50.42†	+0.01	6.25
-do- Acc	61.51	61.51†	...	6.25
European Opps	59.79	63.72	+0.07	0.48
-do- Acc	60.41	64.39	+0.08	...
Far East Opps	144.43	154.05†	+0.39	...
-do- Acc	147.79	157.64†	+0.30	...
Gold/Nat. Res	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Japan	80.72	85.92†	+0.31	...
-do- Acc	80.72	85.92†	+0.31	...
Little Dragons	63.98	68.24†	-0.53	0.73
-do- Acc	65.99	70.38†	-0.55	0.73
Oriental Income	41.44	44.20†	-0.35	3.60
-do- Acc	52.93	56.45†	-0.44	3.60
Tiger	199.01	212.27†	+0.16	1.34
-do- Acc	209.64	223.61†	+0.17	1.34
UK Small Cos	71.30	76.25	-0.10	2.08
-do- Acc	83.19	88.97	-0.09	2.08
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	14.59	15.52	+0.36	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.88	31.78	+0.16	0.60
Canadian Gth	34.51	36.71	-0.61	...
Global Bond	$0.982	$1.023	+0.004	7.30
Penny Share	22.18	23.56	+0.04	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.63	52.63	+0.01	5.83
Gilt Growth	65.26	67.91	+0.15	...
Gilt Income	51.33	53.41†	+0.08	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	105.90	107.30†	+0.20	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.716	$0.725	-0.000	...
Challenger	88.27	90.31	+0.17	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	65.85	70.05	-0.53	2.09

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	5,300	Carlton Cms	577	Land Secs	692	Scot Hydro	1,200
Abbey Natl	4,300	Coats Vly	2,900	Legal & Gn	338	Scot & New	683
Alld-Lyons	1,900	Cm Union	1,400	Lloyds Bk	1,700	Scot Power	4,600
Anglian W	960	Courtaulds	736	MB Cardn	540	Sears	3,300
Argyll Gp	1,200	De La Rue	436	Marks Spr	4,000	Svrn Trent	394
Arjo Wiggn	501	Eng China C	479	NFC	229	Shell Trans	5,600
AB Foods	96	Enterpr Oil	2,000	NatWst Bk	3,800	Siebe	872
BAA	2,100	Fisons	1,400	Nat Power	1,500	SmKl Bch	1,600
BAT Inds	4,800	Forte	4,000	Nth Wst W	1,000	Smith Nph	1,300
BOC	318	GRE	1,600	Nthn Fds	1,600	Sthn Elec	560
BP	8,400	GUS A	143	P & O	784	Std Chartd	255
BT	6,300	Gen Acc	714	Pearson	3,000	Sun Allnce	5,200
BTR	6,800	Gen Elec	1,300	PowerGen	1,900	TI Gp	3,300
Bk of Scot	5,800	Glaxo	2,300	Prudential	3,000	TSB	922
Barclays	898	Granada	1,300	RTZ	2,100	Tate & Lyle	772
Bass	1,500	Grand Met	2,800	Rank Org	893	Tesco	5,100
Blue Circle	902	Guinness	988	Reckitt Col	394	Thames W	781
Boots	331	HSBC	1,100	Redland	2,800	Thrn EMI	332
Bowater	1,100	Hanson	3,100	Reed Intl	2,000	Tomkins	4,500
Brit Airwys	812	ICI	2,000	Rentokil	729	Unilever	751
Brit Gas	3,500	Inchcape	1,500	Reuters	514	Utd Bisc	344
Brit Steel	2,900	Kingfisher	1,900	Rothmans	777	Vodafone	6,300
Burmah Cast	331	Kwik Save	134	Ryl Ins	5,700	Wellcome	917
Cable Wire	1,300	LASMO	3,100	Ryl Bk Scot	3,700	Whitbd 'A'	487
Cadbury	2,300	Ladbroke	6,700	Sainsbury	678	Wlms Hld	974

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3446.88 (+0.69)
S&P Composite .... 444.46 (+0.41)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6829.33 (+2.04)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 108.3 (+1.0)

Sydney: AO .... 1674.7 (+10.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1623.16 (-4.21)

FT 30 share: .... 2202.7 (-15.4)

Brussels:
General .... 5955.91 (-11.93)

Paris: CAC .... 522.24 (-3.48)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 489.1 (+2.9)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1381.77 (-7.35)
FT 500 .... 1509.32 (-8.05)
FT Gold Mines .... 148.3 (+0.2)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.07 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs .... 95.08 (+0.04)
Bargains 26756
SEAQ Volume 539.0m
USM (Datastrm) .... 133.76 (-0.13)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Calls on 5/5/93: Brit Airways, Blacks Leisure, Casket, Caverdale, DC Cook, Denistron, Enterprise Oil, Evered Bardon, Fairhaven, Greycoat, Hanson Wts, Hartstone, Marks & Spencer, Meggitt, McCarthy & Stone, Ossory, Proteus, Ratners, Savills, Speyhawk pref, Tiphook. Put: Expamet. Puts & Calls: CSI, Hanson Wts, Marshalls, TR Prop Inv.

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	550	33	45	54	26	33	43
(*562½)	600	11	25	33	59	63	70
ASDA	67	7½	11	-	4	7½	-
(*69)	76	3½	7	-	10	13	-
Bass	500	45	58	65	12	18	29
(*530½)	550	17	31	38	38	43	55
Boots	420	43	54	60	8½	16	21
(*446)	460	18	31	37	29	32	40
Br Airways	260	28	35	40	9	14	18
(*277½)	280	17	25	30	18	23	27
BP	280	25	32	38	8	13	16
(*296)	300	14	21	28	16	22	26
Br Steel	90	9	12½	15	6½	9½	11½
(*91)	100	5	8	10½	13	15½	17½
C & W	650	60	73	82	16	24	30
(*697½)	700	29	45	57	38	46	55
CU	580	26	34	-	26	37	-
(*573½)	629	10	17	-	60	71	-
Courtauld	550	28	47	55	24	30	41
(*558)	600	9½	25½	34	58	65	70
GKN	460	37	45	-	11	23	-
(*474)	500	16	24	-	33	45	-
ICI	1250	67	92	108	50	72	87
(*1265½)	1300	43	68	86	77	100	113
Kingfishr	584	29	44	-	26	35	-
(*590½)	632	12	24	-	57	64	-
Land Sec	500	32	39	43	13	17	23
(*527½)	550	6	15	19	47	48	52
M & S	330	23	32	40	10	16	19
(*344½)	360	8	19	24	27	32	35
Sainsbury	460	19	34	41	28	34	38
(*454½)	500	8½	18	26	57	61	63
Shell	550	30	38	46	13	24	28
(*562)	600	8	16	23	43	54	56
Smkl Bch	460	35	48	59	25	35	42
(*467½)	500	17	30	42	48	58	64
Storehse	200	20	27	32	11	16	21
(*208½)	220	11	17	21	23	27	32
Trafalgar	83	15	20	-	4½	6½	-
(*95)	92	10	14	-	8	9	-
Unilever	1050	67	93	109	15	27	36
(*1089)	1100	39	61	78	38	48	56

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	390	37	45	53	10	18	26
(*414½)	420	20	29	37	25	32	41
Ladbroke	160	14	19	25	13	22	24
(*159)	180	6½	12	16	28	34	38
Utd Bisc	420	27	38	43	24	36	38
(*420½)	460	14	22	28	51	60	63

May 5, 1993 Tot: 27909 Call: 15142 Put: 12767 FT-SE Call: 1529 Put: 3212
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	700	43	55	68	1	16	25
(*733½)	750	7	25	43	22	45	49
BAT Ind	850	17	49	59	19	35	61
(*848)	900	4	26	42	57	69	90
BTR	550	44	55	63	2	8½	17
(*592)	600	5½	23	33	17	28	39
Br Aero	300	36	55	67	3	16	29
(*332½)	330	14	37	54	11	31	44
Br Telcm	390	17	27	33	4	16	20
(*403)	420	3	11	18	30	33	37
Cadbury	460	12	28	38	8	20	28
(*461½)	500	2½	12	22	42	46	51
Guinness	460	24	37	53	5	14	24
(*477)	500	5	20	33	27	36	45
GEC	300	16½	22	28	2	11	16
(*312½)	330	2	7½	15	19	29	33
Hanson	220	11	18	22	2	7	11½
(*230)	240	2	7½	12½	12½	18	23
LASMO	140	16	23	30	2½	8½	13
(*152)	160	5	14	19	13	18	25
Lucas	130	12	20	21	3	8	14
(*140)	140	6	16	17	6	13	19
P & O	550	16	42	52	8½	25	44
(*556½)	600	4	17	30	47	53	72
Pilkingtn	130	7	11	18	3	9½	13
(*134)	140	3	8	13	8½	16	18
Prudential	300	16	26	32	1½	8	14
(*312)	330	2	11	17	19	23	30
RTZ	600	44	65	79	4	14	24
(*631½)	650	8½	34	49	20	36	47
Scot New	460	10	25	32	8	27	35
(*460)	500	2	10	18	40	55	61
Tesco	200	20	27	32	2	5½	10
(*217½)	220	5	16	23	6½	14	19
Thames W	460	39	45	49	1½	12	18
(*497½)	500	8	17	26½	11	32	38
Vodafone	360	24	35	47	3	13	21
(*379)	390	5	18	31	16	29	36

FT-SE INDEX (*2795)

	2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls						
May	148	101	60	28	10	3
Jun	160	117	84	54	32	17
Jul	177	139	106	76	53	35
Aug	195	159	125	95	71	50
Dec	-	225	-	167	-	116
Puts						
May	5	8	17	37	72	117
Jun	14	24	37	59	88	125
Jul	25	36	53	75	101	136
Aug	36	48	65	86	112	145
Dec	-	90	-	130	-	180

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	360	38	46	53	3	10	15
(*393½)	390	16	27	36	12	22	27
Amstrad	30	4½	7	8½	1½	3	3½
(*34)	35	2½	4½	6	4	5½	6
Barclays	420	22	35	45	10	24	29
(*427½)	460	6	17	27	37	47	53
Blue Circ	240	17	29	35	8	16	22
(*245)	260	7	18	25	20	28	34
Br Gas	280	24	26	31	5	9	15
(*304)	300	7½	14½	21	14	18½	25
	330	2	5½	9	39	41	46
Dixons	200	16	24	30	8½	18	23
(*204½)	220	7	15	21	22	31	35
Eurotnnl	390	47½	66	80	13	26	36
(*414)	420	27	48	65	30	39½	51
Forte	180	17	25	29	6	10	15
(*192½)	200	6½	14	20	16	22	26
Glaxo	550	58	83	90	11	27	44
(*592½)	600	28	55	65	32	49	68
	650	12	34	46	67	80	100
HSBC	550	53	73	88	10	27	38
(*591½)	600	23	45	62	29	47	58
Hillsdwn	140	27	32	35	2½	5½	8
(*162½)	160	11	19	23	7	12	16
Lonrho	90	14½	18½	22	2	7	10
(*101½)	100	8	13	17	6	11	14½
Reuter	1200	75	112	153	19	44	55
(*1243½)	1250	44	82	120	41	69	87
R-Royce	130	8	14	17	8	11½	15
(*129)	140	4½	10	14	13½	17	21
Sears	100	6	10	13	4½	7	11
(*103½)	110	2½	6	8	13	15	17
Thrn Emi	800	52	66	77	9	30	40
(*836½)	850	22	36	50	30	58	67
TSB	180	11	17	22	8	15	19
(*181)	200	3½	9	14	21	28	31
Vaal Reefs	50	10	11½	13½	2½	4½	6
(*57)	60	6	7	9	6½	9	11
Wellcome	700	48	74	93	26	47	60
(*727½)	750	23	50	66	50	67	83

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	21	27	30	10½	18	20
(*166½)	180	10	20	22	25	30	34

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	420	35	43	49	2	13	18
(*453½)	460	6	19	28	14	34	40

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	300	27	36	45	4	9	13
(*320½)	330	8½	18	28	17	22	26
Scot Pwr	290	18	24	27	4	11	14
(*302½)	310	7½	12	18	12	22	25

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 45969	Jun 93	2815.0	2815.0	2784.0	2796.0	8321
	Sep 93	2827.0	2827.0	2813.5	2819.5	888
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 307015	Jun 93	93.94	93.96	93.93	93.96	6618
	Sep 93	93.90	93.95	93.88	93.94	12922
	Dec 93	93.79	93.85	93.79	93.84	3280
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 16958	Jun 93	96.82	96.83	96.81	96.82	307
	Sep 93	96.74	96.74	96.73	96.72	489
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 550269	Jun 93	92.78	92.86	92.77	92.83	28693
	Sep 93	93.62	93.69	93.60	93.68	22446
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 1	Jun 93				112-01	0
	Sep 93				110-23	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 69749	Jun 93	104-11	104-15	104-01	104-08	30892
	Sep 93				103-15	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.25	108.43	108.25	108.40	355
	Sep 93				107.65	0
German Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 158371	Jun 93	94.87	95.13	94.78	95.09	74669
	Sep 93	95.10	95.38	95.08	95.32	1402
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 21711	Jun 93	91.94	92.05	91.94	92.03	1819
	Sep 93	92.74	92.84	92.74	92.84	1059
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 35031	Jun 93	95.27	95.32	95.26	95.32	4141
	Sep 93	95.65	95.77	95.65	95.76	1362
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 42603	Jun 93	97.15	97.54	96.40	96.55	17954
	Sep 93	97.20	97.28	97.20	96.45	65

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.4 (day's range 80.4-80.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7744-2.7813	2.7773-2.7807	⅛-¼ds	¾-1ds
Brussels	50.75-50.90	50.76-50.87	5-10ds	14-19ds
Copenhagen	9.4770-9.5290	9.5060-9.5290	2½-4ds	7⅞-9⅞ds
Dublin	1.0132-1.0162	1.0139-1.0159	17-23ds	46-56ds
Frankfurt	2.4672-2.4775	2.4742-2.4775	⅛-¼ds	⅞-1ds
Lisbon	228.60-229.34	229.02-229.34	244-258ds	661-696ds
Madrid	180.60-181.50	180.87-181.15	153-168ds	393-430ds
Milan	2286.10-2311.70	2300.40-2306.70	9-11ds	27-30ds
Montreal	1.9979-2.0045	1.9979-2.0000	0.21-0.13pr	0.40-0.26pr
New York	1.5660-1.5725	1.5660-1.5670	0.40-0.38pr	1.18-1.16pr
Oslo	10.4180-10.4800	10.4180-10.4410	⅞-1⅞ds	2¼-4ds
Paris	8.2990-8.3430	8.2990-8.3130	1¼-1¾ds	3⅛-3⅞ds
Stockholm	11.4270-11.4920	11.4610-11.4850	2½-4ds	7⅞-9⅛ds
Tokyo	172.51-173.25	172.62-172.81	½-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.36-17.43	17.36-17.41	1¾-2⅞ds	3⅞-5⅞ds
Zurich	2.2144-2.2216	2.2185-2.2216	¼pr-par	⅝-1⅛ds

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5688-1.5714
Australia dollar	2.2482-2.2513
Bahrain dinar	0.586-0.598
Brazil cruzeiro *	52567.5-52601.8
Cyprus pound	0.730-0.746
Finland markka	8.427-8.543
Greece drachma	332.0-339.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.1100-12.1194
India rupee	48.76-49.72
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4665-0.4765
Malaysia ringgit	4.0174-4.0219
Mexico peso	4.85-4.95
New Zealand dollar	2.8911-2.8984
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8245-5.9505
Singapore dollar	2.5240-2.5274
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1230-7.2059
S Africa rand (com)	4.943-4.948
U A E dirham	5.703-5.827

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4347-1.4357
Austria	11.07-11.09
Belgium (Com)	32.35-32.39
Canada	1.2750-1.2755
Denmark	6.042-6.052
France	5.3115-5.3165
Germany	1.5775-1.5785
Hong Kong	7.7282-7.7292
Ireland	1.545-1.547
Italy	1457.0-1460.0
Japan	110.00-110.05
Malaysia	2.5645-2.5655
Netherlands	1.7705-1.7715
Norway	6.6545-6.6645
Portugal	146.0-146.1
Singapore	1.6112-1.6122
Spain	115.42-115.52
Sweden	7.2835-7.2935
Switzerland	1.4138-1.4148

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 4 Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5½, close 3.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5¾	n/a	6	6⅛	6¼
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	3.02-2.99	n/a	3.04-3.01	3.12-3.09	3.31-3.28
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1993. Agreed rates May 26, 1993 to June 22, 1993. Schemes II & III: 7.26%. Reference rate April 1, 1993 to April 30, 1993. Scheme IV & V: 6.018%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9-8
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $352.05-352.35 Close: $353.80-354.20 High: $355.50-356.00 Low: $351.00-351.50 Krugerrand: $353.00-355.00 (£225.00-226.75)
Sovereigns: Old $83.50-86.50 (£51.25-53.25) New $83.50-86.50 (£51.25-53.25)
Platinum: $375.90 (£239.60) Silver: $4.28 (£2.725) Palladium: $116.00 (£73.95)

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee slumped following an aggressive sell-off in New York on Tuesday night. The rout was a trade reaction to the fund orientated rally seen over the past few weeks after a series of key chart points were taken out. There would appear little fundamental justification for the recent strength, with the new Brazilian crop seen at five to six million bags higher than the 1992/93 harvest.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	670-668	Jul	770-766
Jul	687-686	Sep	785-780
Sep	702-700	Dec	805 BID
Dec	721-720	Mar	833-830
Mar	741-739		
May	755-753	Volume: 2431	

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	856-855	Jan	893-891
Jul	868-867	Mar	900-898
Sep	871-870	May	908 SLR
Nov	884-883	Volume: 3272	

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	-
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-	Volume: 0	

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	292.9-89.0
Spot: 294.0		May	295.4-91.0
Aug	303.0-99.1	Aug	299.9-94.0
Oct	294.0-90.1	Oct	293.7-85.0
Dec	293.0-89.0	Volume: 645	

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 5

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	88.84	132.38	137.04
(+/-)	+0.51	-4.99	+0.56
Eng/Wales:	88.84	132.71	136.29
(+/-)	+0.51	-5.05	+0.34
(%)	-9.2	+10.6	-5.8
Scotland:	n/a	127.30	141.41
(+/-)	n/a	-4.03	+1.69
(%)	n/a	+7.9	-2.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	unq	unq	Jul	unq	unq
Jun	unq	unq		Volume: unq	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	144.50
Jun	145.30
Sep	108.80
Nov	110.65
Jan	113.65
Volume: 89	

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	138.40
Sep	106.80
Nov	109.60
Jan	112.25
Mar	114.25
Volume: 7	

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	139.00
Aug	138.30
Oct	142.30
Dec	144.50
Feb	unq
Volume: 20	

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	unq	unq
Apr	96.0	93.9
May	unq	101.0
Volume: 34		

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jun 56.50-57.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The paper market refused to break out of it's tight pattern, but physical crudes were in demand.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.95	+0.10
Brent 15 day (May)	19.00	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jun)	19.10	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.40	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.60	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	Bid: 213 (n/c)	Offer: 216 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	182 (-2)	183 (-2)
Non EEC 1H May	182 (n/c)	183 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	179 (-1)	180 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	75 (n/c)	77 (n/c)
Naphtha	182 (-2)	183 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

May	179.75-80.00	Aug	177.25-77.50
Jun	177.25-77.50	Sep	178.75-79.00
Jul	176.25-76.50	Oct	181.50-81.75
		Vol: 10820	

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	19.11-19.12	Sep	19.14-19.19
Jul	19.09-19.10	Oct	19.23 SLR
Aug	19.14-19.16	Vol: 20609	

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	207.25-07.50	Aug	unq
Jun	207.00-08.00	Sep	unq
Jul	206.00-09.00	Vol: 107	

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

May 93	High: 1550	Low: 1544	Close: 1550
Jun 93	1441	1434	1443
Jul 93	1305	1295	1305
Oct 93	1395	1390	1403

Vol: 348 lots. Open int'st: 3018 Index 1561 +4

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1175.0-1175.5	1194.5-1195.0	1538275
Lead (£/tonne)	264.25-264.50	273.75-274.00	89825
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1004.5-1005.0	1024.0-1025.0	209725
Tin ($/tonne)	5565.0-5566.0	5630.0-5635.0	4120
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1137.5-1138.0	1160.0-1160.5	821975
Nickel ($/tonne)	5885.0-5895.0	5960.0-5965.0	51180



THEATRE page 34
Peter Davison is the unmaterialistic Leroy Hamilton in Arthur Miller's The Last Yankee

ARTS

OPERA page 35
Theatre director Deborah Warner is tackling Wozzeck for Opera North



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** welcomes *Groundhog Day* as a return to imaginative comedy

The difference a day makes

Name me a recent Hollywood comedy with an original idea to its name. I thought so. Relief comes with ***Groundhog Day***, the most delightfully refreshing and funny movie to hail from the studios in many a month. The star is Bill Murray, unkempt king of the flip remark, the cynical leer. A few years back his career seemed stalled, but recent films such as *Quick Change* and *What About Bob?* proved that given bright scripts the scallywag could be genuinely funny, even likable.

Groundhog Day glories in a marvellous notion: what would happen if the time clock jarred and you woke up each morning to the same day, February 2? Possibly through a collision with a shovel. this happens to Phil, a bored, obnoxious television weatherman visiting the Rust Belt town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, for their annual Groundhog Day ceremony. According to tradition, if the furry creature, emerging from a box, can see its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter.

For Phil, however, there are no more weeks of anything, just multiple variants of February 2. The boarding-house radio wakes him at six with Sonny and Cher's "I Got You Babe". It's Groundhog Day again, and if left unchecked the people he meets — from Andie MacDowell's television producer (the girl he forlornly covets) to a cloying old school friend — will do and say exactly the same things. No matter how Phil ends the day, locked in jail or trapped in a wrecked car, he always wakes up to Sonny and Cher.

Having hatched this ingenious device, director Harold Ramis and his co-writer Danny Rubin work another wonder: they refuse to squander it. Note the subtle changes in Murray's emotions as each duplicate day dawns. First comes confusion, then delight, then anger and bitterness; finally, gently skirting sentimentality, he turns Samaritan in the small town he now knows so well.

A critic would be a spoilsport to list the best jokes, though an obvious plum is the extended seduction of Andie MacDowell. The script never gives her much room alongside Murray, but she makes the best of her chances as the girl bemused by her unlikely suitor. And for director Ramis, *Groundhog Day* is a special triumph: who would have thought the man behind *Caddyshack* and *Ghostbusters* could create a film so fresh and humane?

More good news arrives with Zhang Yimou's **The Story of Qiu Ju**, the top prizewinner at last year's Venice Film Festival. In style this is utterly different from its predecessors, rigorously stylised period dramas such as *Raise the Red Lantern* and *Ju Dou*.

With one leap, Zhang has mastered the secrets of realist filmmaking that other directors take years to uncover. The bulk of the players are non-professionals, cast as themselves; the camera often mingles unseen among city streets, teeming with traders, bicycles and *bubbub*. This is largely a tale of peasant folk, but Zhang never patronises: he treats each character with respect and affection.

Groundhog Day
Odeon Leicester Square, PG

The Story of Qiu Ju
Curzon West End, Screen on the Hill, 12

An Actor's Revenge
ICA Cinema, PG

Rich in Love
MGM Trocadero, PG

Trespass
Plaza, 18

The time is now. The place is a village in northern China, where the heavily pregnant heroine (Gong Li) demands a decent apology from the local chief, who kicked her husband in the chest and privates. Wrapped against the winter cold in a head scarf and a tunic that barely covers her enormous belly, the persistent woman seeks help from the authorities in the nearest town, then in the provincial capital. She does not wish a cash settlement, though one is repeatedly offered. Like Zhang's past heroines, she stands on her principles, regardless of sex or social standing.

In place of his usual impassioned drama, Zhang explores Qiu Ju's story at an easy pace. Much quiet humour creeps in as the waddling mother-to-be tries to negotiate city life and bureaucracy's ways. At first sight, Zhang's portrait of Chinese life might be thought soft: the officials Qiu Ju meets on her travels are always helpful, and the Chinese authorities, who banned Zhang's previous films, have clutched this one to their bosom. But Zhang's support is always for people and their traditions, not the cumbersome system that fails to give his heroine proper redress. Beautifully made and touchingly acted, the film rejuvenates the spirit and shows its accomplished maker striding boldly down new paths.

We stay in the Far East for Kon Ichikawa's visually exquisite **An Actor's Revenge**. When the film first appeared in the West in the mid-1960s, audiences were amazed by the use of CinemaScope, the Kabuki stage conventions, and the far-fetched tale of a female impersonator plotting revenge on those responsible for his parents' downfall. Nearly 30 years later, it still merits awe and applause; though there is a coldness at the film's heart that means we admire rather more than we enjoy.

The star of this icy circus is Kazuo Hasegawa, a seasoned matinee idol celebrating, so the credits say, his 300th film performance. Not content with emoting impressively as the effeminate actor, he also attempts some Fairbanks-style antics in a separate role as an underworld thief. But it remains Ichikawa's show. The impish director transforms his absurd material into a visual *tour de force*: the studio artifice is so overwhelming that the film almost collapses when the camera ventures outside.

Back to Hollywood. Whenever a character rhapsodises about the sag in the verandah and the sound of pop's lawnmower, you know you face trouble. So it turns out. **Rich in Love**, from the team that won Oscars with *Driving Miss Daisy*, putters along for 105 minutes with fancy dialogue, a smile, a tear, languid ocean views of sunsets and gulls and an aggravating absence of drama.

We are down South, of course, in Charleston, where Albert Finney, that famous Southern actor, sits dishevelled in a white frame house wondering where his marriage went. Finney, in fact, handles the accent well; like many others in the cast, it is the character he plays that proves fuzzy-edged. When his daughter Lucille finds her estranged mother living nearby, you might expect fireworks. But no: Jill Clayburgh's late appearance makes scarcely a dent in the daily round of a wanly eccentric family.

Only Kathryn Erbe as the vulnerable Lucille creates a strong impression. Under Bruce Beresford's routine direction, the rest fade into the wallpaper, helped on their way by Georges Delerue's refined music (his last score) and images loved to death. This is the kind of film that gives good taste a bad name.

Cinematic decorum is not an issue in **Trespass**, for the director is Walter Hill, master of laconic talk and slam-bang action. This forceful variation on *Treasure of the Sierra Madre* was originally called *The Looters*, but the Los Angeles riots put a stop to that. Two out-of-state firemen locate stolen gold in a deserted East St Louis factory. Alas, they bump into the local crime gang, up to no good on the roof.

And so to siege warfare, convincingly staged in a crumbling colossus of metal stairs, hidden chimneys and shadows. Reasonably exciting half the time, the film finally succumbs to dull excess. Through the turmoil you may glimpse Bill Paxton, William Sadler and rap artists Ice T and Ice Cube. They were bound to appear in the same film one day.



Good, clean fun: Bill Murray is a television reporter stuck in a time-warp in *Groundhog Day*

Tussauds goes to town

David Robinson takes a trip through London's past on a ride opening today

When London's longest-running entertainment (168 years and still queuing) unveils a new £10m attraction, that is an event. After the variegated joys of the Garden Party, Grand Hall, Hollywood Legends and Chamber of Horrors; of being photographed with the Pope or Dame Edna; of savouring the guillotine, garotte, Newgate and Jack-the-Ripper fogs in Whitechapel, visitors to Madame Tussauds are now offered "The Spirit of London". Safely clamped into a skeletal London taxi-cab, on a continuously moving train, they are whirled into an impressionistic switchback tour through 400 years of London history.

This kind of entertainment — technically known as a "ride" — has seen a major revival since the coming of Disneyland. The ride is the direct successor to the old ghost train, cherished by turn-of-the century youngsters for the excuse for couples to be alone in the dark and cling to each other in fright.

Today's "rides" are rated less by amorous opportunity than by technological accomplishment; and The Spirit of London goes beyond state of the art, with audio-animatronic figures of disconcerting reality. It is, however, in its imaginative conception that it marks the biggest advance from early Disneyland notions of munchkins of the world squeaking national melodies at the tourist.

The historic landmarks are all familiar, and the tour starts off predictably and literally enough with scribbling Shakespeare and regal Bess. Yet stranger, richer impressions are already intimated with the Plague, as a sinister chorus of children, vaguely glimpsed through a window, sings that dark memento mori of the nursery, "Ring a Ring o' Roses".

The fantasy really gets under way (after an unsettling blast of heat from the flames of the Great Fire) with Christopher Wren, metamorphosed into the conductor of a baroque orchestra, surrounded by the cabalistic tools of his trade, and with St Paul's rising behind him. A colossal Nelson, surveying patriotic celebrations from the pinnacle of his column, winks monstrously.

Still more iconoclastic, a crotchety Queen Victoria sits enthroned in a maze of Industrial Revolution machinery, holding a teacup in one hand while with the other she pulls the levers that keep it working. Across the tracks is an awful workhouse where Oliver asks vainly for more. Subsequent visions reveal Churchill presiding over London's second world war, and the gone-off psychedelia of the Sixties.

Tussauds' design team save their most audacious fantasy to the end, when the train emerges into Nineties London, conceived as a reckless carnival. London denizens endlessly circle on a carousel or slide down a helter-skelter snaking around Big Ben.

With this phantasmagoric vision of London beyond Baker Street, Tussauds, whose fame lies in the creation of literal realism, now boldly challenges the imagination of its patrons. This is the singular, unforeseen achievement of "The Spirit of London". In the short space of a switchback ride, the designers elevate historical reality into a collection of dreams: an authentic Surrealist act. The ghost train becomes a work of art.



Ellen McLaughlin as the angel and Stephen Spinella as Prior Walter in the New York production of *Angels in America*

NEW YORK THEATRE: **Jamie James** on an American play's happy homecoming

Flying still higher

Every few years, just as one begins to believe the endlessly repeated prediction that Broadway is Dead, a play comes along with a brilliance and epic vision that banishes the gloom. Tony Kushner's **Angels in America: Millennium Approaches**, which opened on Tuesday at the Walter Kerr Theatre, is such a play. This sweeping, complex anatomy of American rottenness in the age of Ronald Reagan and Aids is three and a half hours long, yet one leaves the theatre exhilarated, wishing it had been twice as long.

At a time when most playwrights seem to have difficulty coming up with more than one three-dimensional character, Kushner has created five major characters, fully formed and big as life. Most remarkable of all, although four of the five are gay men (and the fifth is a mentally disturbed woman addicted to tranquillisers), *Angels* is never exclusionary or narrow in scope. Even as a national epic for gay American subculture, it does not preach or strike a shrill note.

The play is a world complete in itself and thrillingly real, like a Dickens novel. The suffering of Prior Walter, dying of Aids, is not made to be a symbol of the disease; rather, the audience becomes privy to the real pain of a real man. Nor is Joe Pitt — the innocent, confused Mormon who must come to grips with his homosexuality — portrayed condescendingly. Even Joe's midnight call to his mother to tell her he is gay seems spontaneous.

The acting is superb: if Ron Leibman's bravura portrayal of right-wing attorney Roy Cohn stands out, it is because the part is the most demanding. George C Wolfe's direction is deft throughout; perhaps the only decision that might be questioned is the doubling of women in some male bit parts. Plausibly performed, the effect is showy, the point obvious.

Yet from the first scene to the devastating finale, the playwright Kushner is the star of this show, displaying a mastery of tone. The play careers from Wildean wit to Sophoclean pathos, frequently within a single scene, but there is never a moment when it threatens to fly out of control.

It was the Royal National Theatre's fine production of *Angels in America* last year that enabled the play to attain its position as the year's preeminent American play; three weeks ago it was awarded the Pulitzer prize for drama. Nonetheless it must be said that the Broadway production is superior. The sets in New York are at once more lavish and less obtrusive; still, the National takes the palm for "best angel". In New York the angel is excessively spectacular. But the crucial advantage is that Tony Kushner's verbose, edgy New York vernacular is conveyed with effortless precision.

Will Kushner be able to sustain his achievement through the second part of *Angels*, which is scheduled to play in repertory with this production next autumn? When the second part, *Perestroika*, had its premiere in Los Angeles last November, it was generally deemed a failure. Now, thanks to the vision of the National Theatre and an almost certain triumph on Broadway, Kushner will have the support to rewrite the second part in a way that equals the first.



TELEVISION REVIEW: **Lynne Truss**

Sparing the rod is saving the child

A good clip round the ear seemed to be all five-year-old Andrew was in need of. At the beginning of last night's Q.E.D. (BBC 1), anyway, that was my own unreconstructed opinion. To someone who has little truck with children, Andrew's appalling uncontrolled behaviour — tantrums in supermarkets, screaming, climbing, flooding the house, jumping on his sister's head — certainly seemed to demand a considerably firmer response than the weary end-of-tether shrugs he was getting from his Welsh well-meaning Mum and Dad.

"Show him the back of your hand!" I yelled. "Beat the devil's badness from him! There's no shame in it! See how he repays your patience and affection!" But it was no good. Instead of taking my useful clear-cut advice, Andrew's family volunteered for "the parent-child game" offered to parents of disturbed children by London's Maudsley Hospital. Which was where they learnt, to everyone's delight and surprise, that the best way of controlling Andrew was not to shake him till his brains rattled like dice in a box, but to be even nicer to him than they were.

At the core of this amazingly effective experiment was play-time. Mum or Dad (not both) sat on the floor with the disturbed child, and played games with him. Meanwhile, watching the whole thing through a two-way mirror was a team of earnest female psychologists, one of whom held a large microphone for sending secret messages to the parent's ear. At first, the psychologists simply made notes, assessing the quality of the parent's contributions in terms of "child centred" (good) or "child directive" (bad). It all looked rather obvious, really; but then the mike-doctor started operating the parent by remote control, and the effect was — well, it was a miracle on screen.

Even though the child knew that this back-seat driving was going on, he responded to these new parenting signals with an innocence that was deeply touching. "Say to him, I love playing with the garage with you, Andrew," instructed the psychologist. "I love playing with the garage with you, Andrew," repeated Mum, at which Andrew was so happy he dropped everything to give her a hug. "Smile at him, touch his hand," the doctor said. And it was astonishing, the child didn't say, "Why are you grinning like that? Get those steaming mitts off me."

The psychiatrist mentioned that parenting ought to be on the national curriculum, and one could only agree. If there is really such a world of difference between saying "Are you playing with the knobs, Andrew?" and "Look, you're playing with the knobs" — the first child-directive, the second child-centred — it is obviously a trick worth knowing.

A tiny syntactical rearrangement might make the difference between him growing up to be a hero or a hoodlum. Stupid to lose civilisation as we know it, for the want of a horse-shoe nail.

This fascinating little film, for all its specific treatment of a specific child (who still, of course, had a long way to go), seemed to carry a very general message. "Well done! That was really good!" said Mum to Andrew; meanwhile, "Well done! Very good!" said the psychiatrist to Mum. Oh, the hell with it, thought the viewer at home, silently putting away the blackjack and the special child-sized thumb-screws. "Well done! Hippy happies!" After all, it's not every day you see someone having their life saved.



LONDON

LONDON PHILHARMONIC. Three of the brightest women in British music team up for this concert. Siân Edwards conducts, and the soloists are the percussionist Evelyn Glennie and the pianist Joanna MacGregor in an "Alternative Vienna" concert that ranges from a Strauss waltz to H K Gruber's *Rough Music*
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

FRETWORK: The consort of viols is joined by soprano Catherine Bott for a performance of songs and pieces by Byrd and Purcell
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

BALLET IMPERIAL: To mark the tenth anniversary of the death of George Balanchine, Covent Garden is reviving *Ballet Imperial*, the first of his works to enter the Royal Ballet repertoire. This revival will be performed in the original version which he created in America in 1941 and taught to the then Sadler's Wells Ballet in 1950. Eugene Berman's designs for Sadler's Wells will be recreated by Anthony Dowell. *Ballet Imperial* is part of a triple bill that includes Bintley's popular *Still Life at the Penguin Cafe* and MacMillan's elegiac *Gloria*.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), 7.30pm

IN THE STEPPES OF GHENGIS KHAN The first major exhibition in Britain of art and artefacts from Mongolia, this show takes over all three floors of the gallery, turning them into a stage set evoking the feeling of travel in Mongolia. The main gallery contains contemporary paintings and photographs, while round and about there are examples of traditional crafts, silver objects and textiles, and a display of archival photographs recreating Mongolia at the turn of the century.
October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Road, WC1 (071-242-7367) Tues-Sat, 12.30-5.30pm from today to June 19

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

EUGENIO DITTBORN/MARY KELLY Dittborn is a Chilean who paints and photographically prints enormous collages on cloth. These are then folded, put in special envelopes and posted all over the world. Kelly, best remembered for her *Post-Partum Document* — unwashed babies' nappies reflecting on motherhood — now turns her attention to men, their allegedly universal hysteria and lust for war, power and killing. The execution of her *Gloria Patri* is much more sleek and chic than earlier works, but the message seems equally simplistic.
ICA, The Mall, SW1, (071-930 3647). Daily, midday-7.30pm (Tues to 9pm).

REGIONAL

WORTHING. *The Seven Silences of Salome*, a new ballet by the Portuguese choreographer Olga Roriz, is the high point of **English National Ballet**'s national tour. The piece forms part of a mixed bill of short works.
Connaught Theatre, Union Place (0903 235333). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, Sat, 2.30pm and 8pm.

GLASGOW. Last productions of the spring season: **Old Rose** by Heinrich Henkel explores the generation gap between an elderly woman and the young man painting her flat (Stalls Studio); **The Marowitz Hamlet**, Charles M's 90-minute cut-and-collage version (Circle Studio); **Sunset Song**, Lewis Grassic Gibbon's passionate study of a rural community on the change, performed by TAG Theatre (see review, page 35) (Main Theatre).
Citizens, Gorbals (041-429 0022). All performances Tues-Sun, 7.30pm, until May 23.

BRACKNELL *Cardiff's Sherman Theatre Company* is on a tour of England and Wales with its celebrated production of **Under Milk Wood**, Dylan Thomas's timeless evocation of life, love and dreams of poison in Llareggub.
Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park Arts Centre, Ringmead, Bracknell (0344 484123). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: The Fall's latest album, *The Infotainment Scan*, including the Sister Sledge number "Lost in Music", represents their maverick talent at its best.
University of Newcastle (091-232 8402), 7.30pm.

BEVERLEY EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL: The highlight of this delightful four-day festival will probably be Saturday's performance of Purcell's *The Fairy Queen* in the Minster, by the excellent Gabrieli Consort and Players. With Purcell's tercentenary fast approaching, interest in the composer dubbed "Orpheus Britannicus" by his contemporaries is growing. The festival opens today with an evensong by the Beverley Minster Choir.
Beverley Early Music Festival, Humberside (enquiries: 0904 645738), tonight-Sun.

GLASGOW: Scottish Opera's summer season brings its first ever production of Bellini's *Norma*. Ian Judge directs, with classical sets by John Gunter and costumes by Deirdre Clancy. The company's music director John Mauceri conducts. In an impressive cast, Jane Eaglen brings her powerful soprano to the title role, while Katherine Ciesinski sings Adalgisa.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (041-332 9000), 7.15pm

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON. Michael Feast joins the RSC to play the lead in *Murder in the Cathedral*, the company's second go at Eliot's verse play. Steven Pimlott directs.
Swan Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm, opens Sat, 7.30pm; from May 27 in repertoire *The Venetian Twins*.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House-full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **THE BEGGAR'S OPERA:** John Caird's boisterous production, David Burt is the dashing highwayman.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mats today, Sat, 2pm. 195mins

□ **THE BESHT TELLERS.** Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two programmes of poignant, exhilarating tales to the West End
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132) Telling Tales: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 180mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm 150mins

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his tale.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm 180mins

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 140mins

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm 165mins

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** *Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival*
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 160mins.

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. 115mins

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success. First seen at the Young Vic.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

□ **LION IN THE STREETS.** Candida, specifically Toronto, as a jungle where beasts destroy the weak: powerful stuff.
Hampstead, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

□ **A LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER:** Bill Morrison's ambitious, strongly acted trilogy, set at three periods of crisis between 1922 and today.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Single plays Tues-Fri, 8pm; trilogy: Sat, Sun, 1.45pm-10pm.

□ **MISERY:** Julie T. Wallace and Nigel Le Vaillant in nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

□ **ON THE PISTE:** John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

◪ **RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL:** Welcome revival of St John Hankin's satirical 1905 comedy where a ne'er-do-well justifies sponging on his family.
Orange Tree, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm 120mins. Final week.

■ **THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT:** Peter Whelan's inventive drama on Marlowe's last days; charismatic performance by Richard McCabe.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mats today, Sat, 2pm. 180mins

□ **TOTAL ECLIPSE.** Verlaine and Rimbaud go racketing around Europe. Enjoyable revival of Christopher Hampton's early play.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins

□ **THE TREATMENT:** Martin Crimp's eccentric look at New York and the treachery of movie makers: effective only in patches.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

□ **THE TRIAL:** Czech director Lida Engelova gives her countryman's nightmare good visuals but a leisurely rhythm. With James Wilby, Estelle Kohler and Peter Eyre.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... □ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... □ **Lost in Yonkers**: Strand (071-930 8800) ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) .. □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

◆ **ALIVE** (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes. Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano, director, Frank Marshall
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

MEDITERRANEO (15) Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD (12): Timid version of Dickens's novel, with Robert Powell as the cathedral musician obsessed with his nephew's fiancée. Director, Timothy Forder
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

◆ **NATIONAL LAMPOON'S LOADED WEAPON 1** (PG): Juvenile spoof of the *Lethal Weapon* series, with just a few chuckles. Gene Quintano directs
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

RUBY CAIRO (15) Andie MacDowell follows the trail of her shady pilot husband. Globe-trotting potboiler that ultimately goes nowhere. With Liam Neeson; director, Graeme Clifford
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12). Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **MR SATURDAY NIGHT** (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, corball vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer. Crystal also directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

ORLANDO (PG). Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **SOMMERSBY** (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THEATRE: Arthur Miller transfers to the West End; Dennis Potter is revived in Wimbledon

Accent on the positive at last

The Last Yankee
Duke of York's

ARTHUR MILLER's latest play transfers here after an extended run of capacity houses at the Young Vic and, as so often in his long creative career, he writes of the souring of the American Dream for average small town people. Disappointment is the play's key word. Life for his characters has not turned out as expected. To be precise, life has not turned out to be as successful and satisfying as they had been taught to expect by that unwritten but implicit clause in the Constitution, stating that Americans possess the right to be financially successful and therefore happy. This inalienable right alienates all who fail, and many who succeed as well.

Apart from one character who remains inert in her hospital bed, Miller's cast is composed of two married couples. Marriage has always been for him a vital channel of human communication, by means of which individuals are nourished for their wider social commitments. The marriage is a microcosm of the human world, and both these marriages are in trouble — as is, by extension, the surrounding world that has caused the trouble in the first place. The two women are in hospital, labouring against depression.

David Healy's jolly, complacent John Frick cannot comprehend why his wife should want to withdraw from the affluent style of living he has won for them, the nightly chat about stock dealing, the trips to Arkansas after catfish. Nor can he understand as he paces the hospital waiting-room how the other husband, Leroy Hamilton (Peter Davison), can be earning his living as a carpenter when he is descended from Alexander Hamilton, one of the Founding Fathers.

After enduring some minutes of awe-struck but patronising questions — excellently life-like, easy and conversational, like the dialogue throughout the play — Leroy snaps back with "Am I supposed to be ashamed I'm a carpenter?" Davison's voice frays with outrage against Healy's casual assumptions, against the assumptions of modern America, before he turns away, reluctant to continue a conflict he has no hope of winning.

DONALD COOPER



Pat Hamilton (Margot Leicester, left) and Karen Frick (Helen Burns)

The name of Alexander Hamilton means little to British audiences, but with what Miller tells us of Leroy's fondness for gentle joys — playing a banjo, admiring a sky — we can guess that his ancestor, of whom he disapproves, favoured the money-makers. In fact, he founded the National Bank and argued for capitalist overlords, so that Miller is suggesting, though too subtly for audiences over here, that the flaws in American life have been present right from the start.

John's wife, Karen (Helen Burns) has become spiritually impoverished and, elegantly balancing this, Leroy's wife Pat (Margot Leicester) rages against her present economic poverty, hailing as she does from a family of Swedish immigrants fatally dedicated to material success. As Benedict Nightingale pointed out in his notice when David Thacker's finely paced production first opened, the effect of watching these troubled lives is far from dispiriting. Leicester's restlessly jittery Pat, the newcomer to the cast, overcomes her rancour to encourage the crushed, tubby Karen to indulge her unexpected hobby, tap-dancing. Looking awkward, if brave, in her black silk hat and tails, Karen's dancing enrages her embarrassed husband, but it is infinitely touching. This attempt at fulfilment may fail, but it leads towards the sense of hope that is present when the play ends. In its plea to live in the now, acknowledging yet breaking free of a damaging past, his play is a short but potent coda to a lifetime of social concern.

JEREMY KINGSTON

They went down to the woods and lost it

Blue Remembered Hills
Attic, Wimbledon

SQUIRRELS were the pitbull terriers of the 1940s. They launch off trees and savage you and "once they get hold of you they never let go." At least that is what the seven-year-olds in the Forest of Dean say.

Dennis Potter's drama of seven children playing in the woods on a summer's day is concerned with, and ultimately concerned about, pretending. The comedy of their make-believe games and tall stories takes a sinister final twist. Having locked Donald in a barn where he is fatally trapped by the fire he starts, the children end up coldly concocting an alibi. This fiction, paradoxically, will be for real. They have stopped playing and that is one reason why Potter has these children acted by adults. At this moment, they lose their innocence.

Actually, Potter worries the notion of idyllic blue remembered hills throughout. This play is sweet and sour, each funny, endearing scene having a bitter after-taste: best friends transform into bullies; games turn nasty; teasing a squirrel finishes with its death. Both childhood and the cosily rustic West Country really do have their killers.

Potter's script, originally written for television, has some problems adapting to the stage. An apple gets hurled away, only to hit the backcloth, and the spread of the fire is represented by an all too obvious red spotlight. Still, Potter's original non-naturalistic casting is half-way to theatre and, actually, Patricia Doyle's direction shines when she stops pretending there is a real *mise-en-scène* (mimes of grabbing branches) and abandons herself to stylising settings.

The forest and barn are established by the cast scribbling trees and a pitchfork on standing screens. Seven wooden chairs topple over to become junk in the barn; four, back to back, form a tree; a rank of them slammed down violently symbolises the locking of the barn door.

Inversely, in the details of characterisation, naturalism is crucial. Portraying these children is like walking a tightrope, and at points here a foot slips as actors lapse into caricature or their own adulthood: an exaggerated boo-hooing or lines delivered in a decidedly broken bass voice.

Still, there is excellent physical work (fidgety legs and jutting tummies) and the characters are beautifully individualised by mannerisms and far from off-the-cuff costuming. Diane Axford brilliantly makes the worst of herself as Audrey, the frump with specs and a dour side-parting, terrible posture and taste in clothes to match. Patrick Marlowe, meanwhile, plays Peter the bully with a sharply defined, intense performance that frighteningly reveals the future thug within the child.

All the same, there is a little too much emphasis on the soft and fluffy funny side. Occasionally, Terra Firma's production should go for the jugular.

KATE BASSETT

CONCERTS: Heavy-handed authenticity in London; rough-edged Czech passion in Liverpool

Bashing Beethoven

OAE/Schiff
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE poor old piano — and I mean old, not those new-fangled Steinway things — has had a tough time establishing itself in the hearts and minds of music lovers. The example played by Alexei Lubimov in Tuesday's concert given by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment told us why. Wisely it stayed unidentified. Whatever it was, its sound did not impress me — providing yet more powerful ammunition for those who are apt to dismiss Classical and early Romantic fortepianos as fit only for the pub.

Admittedly, Lubimov played Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto with the maximum possible contrasts of force. That is right for a Steinway, which can take a lot of brutal hammering and still sound beautiful, but surely wrong for this kind of instrument.

Interpretatively there was much to command attention. Generally Lubimov opted for a dramatic, often over-mannered approach, with abrupt changes of tempo as well as dynamic and some perhaps over-affected articulation. This worked well for the middle movement's opposing poles, less well in the outer movements.

Lubimov had begun the whole work cautiously, so that the conductor, Heinrich Schiff, was obliged to effect a none too subtle accelerando when the orchestra joined in. Moreover, the piano's repeated chords at the opening were strangely impassive, given without due regard to relative accentuation or changing colour; the OAE responded in like manner.

Without Lubimov's waywardness, Schiff and the OAE seemed almost indecently liberated in Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony, whose first movement began at a rip-roaring pace. With a reading such as this, full of punch, even the most jaded critic can still relish the power of its invention, and especially its arresting orchestration, made newly vivid with the colours of period-style instruments.

One recalls the natural horns, squeezing out hand-stopped notes in the middle of the Scherzo's trio; or Janos Keszei's superb, explosive timpani playing; or the lovely, winsome oboe of Anthony Robson and the rich, firm double basses — an ideal anchor for one of the best string sections, period-style or not, in the country — in the Marcia funèbre, which was a reflective, gentle stroll in the cemetery shade, rather than the usual depressed and tired plod to the grave.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Heart rules over head

RLPO/Pesek
Philharmonic Hall

IF LIBOR Pesek and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic felt at all uneasy about ending the season in the Philharmonic Hall with a complete performance of Smetana's *Ma Vlast* — the Czech national epic which they have most flatteringly been invited to perform at the opening concert of the Prague Spring Festival — they must have been reassured by the reaction of the audience. The conductor, who was recalled several times over, was clearly moved to find that the public still loves him even if his relationships with orchestra and management are not as happy as they used to be.

Those six tone-poems — *Vysehrad, Vltava, Sarka, From Bohemia's Woods and Fields, Tabor* and *Blanik* — are not uniformly easy for a British audience to take. The first four are fine but *Tabor*'s unpoetic obsession with the Hussite chorale does seem excessive in a Liverpool context. When the same insistent rhythms and melodic phrases return at the beginning of *Blanik* a change of subject is long overdue.

If this seems an inhospitable attitude, it must be said that the performance encouraged it. Wherever the trumpets were involved — and their involvement in *Tabor* and *Blanik* is considerable — they dominated the texture, not so much by playing very much louder than the others as by cutting through them with an unpleasantly serrated edge.

According to the score, at the end of *Blanik* the noble theme of *Vysehrad* returns on strings and woodwind in combination with the Hussite chorale on brass. According to the ear in the Philharmonic Hall, that triumphant moment was unbalanced too.

By this late stage it was not very surprising: if Pesek had been primarily concerned with the quality of the sound he surely wouldn't have begun the evening by having the two harps playing in unison rather than in alternation, he would have integrated the first entry of the wind with the harps, and he would have made efforts to smooth away the rough edges which became evident in every department of the orchestra.

But if he had to choose between that kind of thing on the one hand and expressive spontaneity, lyrical passion, and patriotic fervour on the other hand, the reaction of the audience indicated that he made the right decision.

GERALD LARNER

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Hilary Finch on Deborah Warner, making her opera debut; and **Richard Morrison** meets ENO's young composers



JOHN ANGERSON

Deborah Warner, whose *Wozzeck* opens next week: "My work is by no means operatic. But recent work I've been involved in has certainly had an 'operatic' emotional scale"

Can a blowtorch shed new light?

Ever since Sir Peter Hall and Jonathan Miller started showing opera how to *smarten up its act and* behave with the deep seriousness of straight theatre, it has become something of an entrepreneurial imperative to be seen to be inviting the hottest directorial property to produce an opera. Indeed, some directors, like *Ian Judge and Nicholas Hytner*, are now so inextricably involved in opera that it comes as a surprise to see them in the straight theatre.

Could it be that opera no longer has the confidence to feel validated without the rubber stamp of supervision *from the real theatre? Just to* prove that it is really in earnest, Opera North has invited Deborah Warner, associate director and strongest flavour of the half-decade at the Royal National Theatre, to make her operatic debut and apply what Trevor Nunn once called her "blow-torch" approach to Berg's *Wozzeck*.

Think of Warner's coruscating *Titus Andronicus* at Stratford; think of her *Electra* at the Pit (the one in which a pomegranate crashed to the stone floor and split open like a human skull). Think of her National Theatre *Good Person of Sichuan*; her *Hedda Gabler*. And then think of *Wozzeck*'s searing tale of the frustrations of common man, living on the edge of violence. Of course it was irresistible, even for Warner.

Any other opera and she would have flatly refused — as, in fact, she did when Nicholas Payne first asked her in 1987. "I think this assumption that theatre directors are well qualified to move into opera is a peculiar one. I would have got involved a long time ago if that's where I'd wanted to be." Warner founded her own Kick Theatre Company, with a troupe of unpaid actors, in 1980, and began to strip bare plays such as *The Tempest*, *Woyzeck*, *King Lear* and *Coriolanus* only to build them back again with that ritualistic intensity and integrity *which was to characterise everything* she did. Opera for Warner was an irrelevance.

"When the courtship began, from the marvellous and constant Mr Payne, I did actually go to the opera once or twice. But that only *frightened me even more.* I thought I wouldn't even know where to begin." At Leeds, Warner began by getting the cast sitting round reading Büchner's *Woyzeck*. Then acting it. Warner does not read a *note of music.* "But, emotionally, I knew the music was pitched where I believe the play *should* be pitched — which is an interesting equation. The singers felt that the play was very low key. But of course it's not, if *your interest is to pitch it at the point* of the emotional turmoil of the characters within it."

And that is the distinctive starting point in all Warner's work. Her Shakespeare and Brecht blasts straight through to the nerve-centre of its characters: everything else — themes, ideas and structure — fans out from this point. Her aim, she says, is to "lay bare the human heart in all its richness". No more, no less.

"This could well be why I started to appeal to the opera world. My work is by no means operatic. But there is no *question that recent work I've been* involved in has had an 'operatic' emotional scale. I think that's true of *Electra* and of *Hedda Gabler*.

"Berg's grasp of the emotional *place* of each character is akin to my own grasp. Of course he's pinned it down wonderfully and his accuracy is *something I'm now left with.*" *Is this* accuracy a restricting element for a theatre director? Music can transcend the limits of verbal expression, but it can also make it more specific, more proscribed. Every line, after all, has at least one level of subtext ready written in the notes.

> 'I think opera is in a most appalling state. It hasn't jumped forward. It's got a long way to go'

"Berg has directed it, yes. His written stage directions, for a start, are unambitious. *Something more* exciting could be happening. I'd like to be doing the 15 scenes without the orchestra interludes. They're fantastically fine: so many clues to the piece *lie in them. But they're not in the* world's most interesting places. And as for the direction within the score: well, it's a question of tone, you know. On certain days I do feel restricted. On others, I think it gives a freedom of sorts. The singer at least has a graph for the evening in the score, and that's something no actor has."

One of the unknown quantities Warner faced was the opera singers themselves. A totally different breed from the actor, or not? "I think *they* think they're a different breed! When it comes to it, they're probably a lot closer than they appear to be. The willingness of these seven principals to come on this journey has been pretty remarkable. Because I expect them to lead the way. I don't know that I'm loved for it, because I'm not sympathetic, *entirely, to the problems. That's not* why I'm here."

She has been hired, of course, to rock the boat; and offers have been flooding in, from worldwide, for her to do exactly that. "I think, come on guys, be a bit more responsible." Warner has been lured into *Don Giovanni* at Glyndebourne next year, and doesn't even want to think about it. For the moment she finds herself poised, *half scornful, half full* of admiration for this strange underworld; half repelled by any thought of dilettantism, half high on the new experience.

She's still enough of an outsider to sound off. "In a general sense, I think *opera is in a most appalling state.* I don't think that it has *in any way* jumped forward — except in very small pockets. It's still got a long way to go. Opera lends itself to bad direction totally effortlessly. You spend a lot of time avoiding leaping *down the first and rather successful* road you see signposted. Dead opera. It appals me. And there's plenty of it. Far more than dead theatre."

"And I think it's absolutely *appalling* that there are not previews. Of course, it's too expensive — once the *orchestra rolls in. But it is extraordi*nary that there's been no fight to take the way in which these things are mounted just a little more seriously... I haven't been in the business of jumping from dress rehearsal to a premiere since I was doing undergraduate drama!"

"If I'm to take opera seriously, I'd be in there forcing change like mad." For *the time being, though, there is* *Coriolanus*, the play, at Salzburg this summer: it goes into rehearsal the day after the first night of *Wozzeck*. And then an English theatre project for the end of the year: Warner is undecided as to where and what. "I've been in endless dialogue with myself as to whether I should carry on and get involved with opera further. *I'm not in love with it.* But I ain't half kicked."

● *Wozzeck opens at the Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351/440971) next Thursday*

Twins taste the big time

They may not be the most accomplished composers to have an opera premiered professionally this year. Almost certainly they are the youngest. Rosabella and Dina Gregory are 16: twins from Ivybridge *in south Devon. Next week* their piece, *Melissa's Maelstrom*, will be premiered by English National Opera — *one of four short new works to* be staged under ENO's "New Visions New Voices" scheme.

With "New Visions", *ENO* had hoped to tempt young composers who had never dreamt of writing an opera into trying their hand. It succeeded brilliantly with the twins. Had they seen many *operas before they wrote their* own? "Not willingly," replies Rosie. "I think we were once *taken to Aida or something.*"

Their preferred listening? Musicals such as *Les Mis*, they admit shyly. Though they have never seen it on stage, the album moves them to tears. A clue here, perhaps, to the style of their own opera, in which Melissa, a troubled young wife, starts to confuse her *beastly hubby with her Ideal* New Man lover.

It sounds a bit deep for me. "Well," says Dina patiently, "the audience have to make up their own minds about whether Melissa is confusing two *men, or whether they are* actually two sides of the same man: a husband who can be *caring one moment, but re*pressive the next."

How does a schoolgirl know about repressive husbands and tender lovers? "You don't have to experience these things," replies Dina. "You *can get them from your imagi*nation." But Rosie intimates that Dina's year-long relationship with a boyfriend has been greatly beneficial to her imaginative faculties.

The ENO producer staging the opera, David Sulkin, believes that "the vulnerability expressed in the opera seems to be about the crossroads between being a child and a woman." So now we know.

More than 100 composers aged from nine to 29 responded to ENO's request for new operatic projects. Rosie and Dina heard about it when their mother picked up a leaflet in Plymouth Arts Centre. They made a tape of songs they had been writing *together for years, and per*forming with an adhoc rock band of school friends. "We sent in a rough sketch of a *story to go with the tape,* because we realised it had to look like we knew what we were doing," says Dina.

"That was really hard," continues Rosie. "We thought: oh God, an opera! You can't just have a song then a break. You have to write *links*."

Melissa's Maelstrom, links and all, was accepted along with seven other proto-operas for workshop development by ENO in the autumn. Student singers from London music colleges were involved, as the young composers refined their ideas. "I couldn't imagine opera singers doing our songs," says Rosie. "No, at first I was a bit shocked by the voices," continues Dina. "But what they've done with the *music sounds really good.*"

Eventually, *Melissa* became one of four operas chosen for next week's performances; the others are by a 25-year-old Pari*sian mathematics teacher, and* two pairs of writers in their twenties. So will the Gregory girls from Devon become the Boublil and Schönberg of the next century? That seems unlikely: Rosie does want to go *into professional music*, but Dina's academic leanings are more towards Bunsen-burners.

It doesn't really matter, though. The young composers in London next week have already swept like a gust of fresh air across the stagnant waters of new opera composition. *If they make* a few waves as well, that's a bonus.

● *Performances at the Britten Theatre, Royal College of Music, London SW7 (tickets 071-836 3161) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday*

ADRIAN BROOKS



Young composers Dina and Rosabella Gregory: "We thought: oh God, an opera! You have to write *links*"

FESTIVAL: A vivid theatrical portrait of Scottish life is one of the highlights of this year's Glasgow Mayfest

Community built on contradictions

Lewis Grassic Gibbon, communist, awkward individualist and prolific writer, produced a trilogy of Scottish life before he died in 1935 still in his thirties. Tag Theatre Company of Glasgow toured an adaptation of *Sunset Song*, the first of the three novels that make up *A Scots Quair*, to sell-out houses two years ago. The revival is a prelude to a staging of the remaining works at Edinburgh this summer.

The preview at Glasgow's Mayfest underlines the company's marvellous team work. The style is fluid and flexible, seamless narrative interspersed with song, dance, high stylisation and simple naturalism, all superbly drilled by 12 actors and musicians.

The plot focuses on Chris Guthrie whom Pauline Knowles takes from plain, round-faced solemnity to sweetness and determination. Daughter of a farming family, she rejects the chance of a better education to remain on the land. Symbols of the dual Scottish identity are everywhere, but organic and natural rather than overtly stated; in the clash between "English" education and the traditional life of the farming community, in wry scepticism and child-like enthusiasm, and, most powerfully in the character of Chris's father, John, a sensuality tormented by religion. Anarchy and primness, rebellion and grim discipline: the Scottish contradictions abound.



Iain Stuart Robertson as Long Rob in Tag Theatre Company's adaptation of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's *Sunset Song*

As in the earth, whose toil and rewards dominate the rhythms of this community's life, everything changes. Chris's mother (Anne Kidd) kills herself at the prospect of another hideous pregnancy. Michael Mackenzie powerfully expresses the tyranny John exerts over himself as well as others as he turns frustrated lust onto his daughter. The first world war throws up patriots, cynics, heroic objectors, and turns Chris's husband into a drunken brute, later redeemed by self knowledge. The action flows effortlessly though the story is perhaps held up by the 20 *minutes spent on Chris's wed*ding celebrations.

Graham directs this adaptation by Alastair Cording. The choreography by Andrew Howitt taps the vein of the folksy-tale-spinning dance sequences in the recent *Carousel*, and is just as eloquent. English ears take some time to get used to the accent but the effort is worth it.

MARTIN HOYLE

DANCE

Along poetic lines

The Turning World
The Place

The lines from T.S. Eliot locating dance "at the still point of the turning world" not only gave a title to The Place Theatre's Turning World seasons, but also inspired one of this year's shows.

In *Father* **Setsuko Yamada** explored energy within stillness and calm within motion: she also, we were told, used her rituals to bring her closer to memories of her father.

I would not have guessed it from seeing the work itself, although Yamada did for a while don a pair of man's lace-up shoes. *Father* was very Japanese, very minimal, and mostly very slow. The setting at the start — a wall pinned with pieces of white paper and glimpsed through an open doorway; a fissure of light running along the floor and up the back — looked promisingly exquisite.

I admired Yamada's intense concentration and the way that at times her body gradually tilted and rolled as though weightlessly suspended in water. But I could have done without the piercing wails and metal percussion of her accompanist Yoshiaki Ochi: while Yamada's intentions seemed too personal, too elusive to communicate themselves satisfactorily.

Two other soloists made up a double bill the following night. Like Yamada, **Lina Maleufant** from Quebec seemed locked in inscrutably private concerns. Performing choreography by Lynda Gaudreau, she suggested depths of conviction as, rooted to the spot, she went through the clichéd procedures of an arm-dance, limbs forcefully arcing and gesturing; and then moved more widely about the stage. But for the publicity to describe all this as "a pallete of psychological *truths*", where the audience are seduced and become culpable intruders, was stretching things.

Much less pretentious was **Iztok Kovac** who comes from Trbovlje, a mountainous village in Slovenia. He began *and ended How I Caught a Falcon* in a lightspot, arms windmilling so rapidly that their image blurred and they resembled great feathery wings. In between he wore a knapsack and flung himself *into athletic routines* derived from the floor exercises of gymnasts.

He also showed a neat line in humour, with juggling tricks that failed to deliver and choreographic climaxes that didn't live up to Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony* (extracts of which alternated with the iron-hard rock of the ex-Laibach composer Rosvita Jez).

Kovac has bucketfuls of charm, but lacks a dance vocabulary. Nor did his piece, disparate, free-wheeling and perhaps metaphorical, add up. After the applause he disarmingly asked us if we wanted to see anything again. Giggles, more applause, silence. We liked him personally but didn't want more.

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Neanderthal brains were as big as ours. **Adam Zeman** enjoys two books which explain why they became extinct

First of the noble savages

Their natural lives were brief and hard. For the Neanderthals (or Neandertals), life after fossilisation has been just as vexatious.

Even their naming was circuitous. A 17-century organist, Joachim Neumann, followed the fashion of the times by translating his name into Greek, Neumann becoming "Neander". His audience remembered him by naming a green valley above the river Düssel the "Neander Thal". There, in 1856, a quarry foreman encountered the fossilised remains of an individual "more muscular than any normal human". Dr Fuhlrott, a schoolteacher, was summoned to inspect the bones: "To his everlasting credit he knew what they were."

Fuhlrott's fossil met with a mixed reception. German scientists, sceptical about evolution, suggested that it was a malnourished Mongolian soldier, a relic of an army which had passed by 50 years before. T. H. Huxley poked fun at this attempt to represent the missing link as a "rickety bow-legged frowning Cossack". He was probably the author of the resounding anonymous description of the fossil as "the ruin of a solitary arch in an enormous bridge which time has destroyed and which may have connected the highest of animals with the lowest of man".

The subsequent debate over the place of Neanderthal man in human evolution is the central subject of both these books. Was he a brutal offshoot from the human line, destined to extinction as modern man surpassed him, or is he our muscular and much-maligned ancestor?

These two books differ more in approach than in conclusion: Stringer and Gamble's is a despatch from the front line of current research, packed with measurement and marvellous illustrations; Trinkaus and Shipman have withdrawn a little way from combat to write an engaging history of their subject, explaining how the questions posed by the Neanderthal have changed over the years.

When the fossil in the Neander valley came to light, the long gestation of Darwin's evolutionary synthesis was nearing an end. This creature — who was not quite human, but near enough, and yet *extinct* — was bound to become a test case for the theory. Once Darwin's general case for evolution was won, interest shifted to the details of the human family tree implied by the fossil record. The fossils were scarce, their relationships contentious, and theory ran well beyond established fact. Some, indeed, would say that the triumph of theory over evidence remains the hallmark of the field.

THE NEANDERTALS
Changing the Image of Mankind
By Erik Trinkaus and Pat Shipman
Jonathan Cape, £20

IN SEARCH OF THE NEANDERTHALS
By Christopher Stringer and Clive Gamble
Thames & Hudson, £18.95

As the fossil count grew, and their description gained in precision, it became possible to glimpse the shadowy populations from which individual remains derived. This changed the questions once again: regardless of the question of their kinship, *why* were the Neanderthals thick-set and muscular with such prominent noses? These are as likely to have been adaptations to subglacial cold as the signs of a brutish nature. More recently the advent of molecular techniques for establishing genetic distance between races has reawakened interest in our family tree.



Corrèze Man: based on a skull found at Chapelle-aux-Saints

The central question of kinship boils down to whether modern Europeans are descended from Neanderthals or from a separate population which replaced them. This question belongs in a much wider context which lends it a compelling fascination.

Around five millions years ago two evolutionary lines diverged, one leading to man, the other to the modern ape. One million years ago Homo erectus spread across Europe and Asia from an African home. The great pitched battle of current paleoanthropology is being fought over what happened next.

"Multiregionalists" believe that Homo erectus evolved into modern man right across the inhabited world. Human racial variations accumulated over a million years, while reproduction between members of adjacent groups preserved the integrity of the species. The proponents of the rival theory of "replacement" hold there was a second diaspora from Africa around 100,000 years ago. The children of an "African Eve" replaced Homo erectus throughout his territory, later becoming the first hominids to colonise Australia and the Americas.

The debate is unavoidably emotive. Multiregionalism suggests a deep biological basis for racial differences. On the replacement theory these differences are relatively recent elaborations of a single basic type. The fate of the Neanderthals hangs in this balance. They lived between 200,000 and 35,000 years ago in Europe and the Middle East. To the multiregionalists, they were the local torchbearers for humankind: my ancestors and probably yours. To the proponents of replacement, they were a side show, fated to extinction by the children of Eve.

Both these books favour versions of the replacement theory: Stringer and Gamble with evangelical zeal, Trinkaus and Shipman with sadness and qualifications. I share their sadness. The Neanderthal fossils suggest lives of awful hardship; survival beyond their mid-thirties was rare. But their achievements imply a close approach to man's estate. They mastered fire, cared for their sick, gave their dead burial, and may have worn clothes and ornaments. Their brains were no smaller than ours.

The order of their going is mysterious. It seems that they were unable to share in the "cultural explosion" around 50,000 years ago that gave rise, among those who replaced them, to improvements in tools, settlements and burial in open country, more elaborate "planning and sharing", trade, art and global expansion. Stringer suggests that the Neanderthals belonged to the world of the "Ancients", "hominids assisted by tools", and were replaced by "Moderns", "hominids with behaviour organised symbolically". This is a fascinating hypothesis; discovering whether it is true will occupy many a Modern mind.

The improbability of early men achieving immortality as fossils has its poignant footnote: once found, the remains are forever getting lost. The "Taung baby" was left in a London taxi; the remains of Peking man disappeared in the confusion following Pearl Harbour. The "Shanidar" fossils may have been lost in the Allied bombardment of Baghdad.

These books offer splendid introductions to evolutionary thought and the prehistory of mankind. I particularly enjoyed Trinkaus and Shipman, who spell out the central principle of science — that "the outcome cannot be known in advance" — and show why it is so often ignored. But all these authors have been listening to the evidence that is "speaking, urgently and insistently, of our past". True to our kind, it speaks in many tongues.

El Dorado, or the lost world

For the last two decades of the 19th century an extraordinarily brave and rather mad English missionary called William Barbrooke Grubb wandered around the Chaco wilderness of western Paraguay, attempting (with limited success) to convert the Lengua Indians to Protestantism. In 1911, now safely back in Surrey, Grubb published his memoirs — a strange amalgam of professional piety and amateur anthropology. He called it *An Unknown People in an Unknown Land*.

The Guardian's literary editor Richard Gott has also spent more than two decades travelling through what he calls "the waist" of South America, across Paraguay, Bolivia and Brazil, and the results of this combined with impressive scholarly research, are contained in *Land Without Evil* — a compelling evocation of the region's turbulent history and a highly successful effort to bring this mysterious land into a clearer light.

The area around the Upper Paraguay River was once the magnet for legions of explorers, conquerors, colonists and men and women of letters. Here came the "Hidalgo Laird" Robert Cunninghame Graham, Sir Richard Burton, Claude Lévi-Strauss and even Theodore Roosevelt. But before them came ranks of Spanish and Portuguese conquistadors, settlers from every European country, navigators, naturalists, slave hunters, the godly and the greedy.

They came, variously, to find souls for Christ, free labour, gold and enlightenment — the utopias of Gott's subtitle — and many left marvellous written accounts. It is from this huge, colourful and largely obscure bibliography that Gott reconstructs his *tachist* portrait of central South America. Less a travel book than a series of historical vignettes held together by geography rather than time, reading *Land Without Evil* is much like travelling on a South American steam train — jolting, moving backwards and forwards without warning, but richly satisfying.

The title is derived from an account by Alfred Métraux describing how the Guaraní Indians would periodically set off on pilgrimages in search of a perfect Land Without Evil, "a place to which everyone yearns to go". Before the Europeans arrived the South American watershed was, in some ways, just such a land, with abundant food and an easy-going, though periodically violent, way of life. The hammock, appropriately enough, was invented here.

Since the early 16th century, however, the Indians became prey to the utopias of others. The River Paraguay was the launchpad for repeated expeditions westwards in search of the imagined riches of El Dorado, the Inca empire, and the imperial conquest of the land was immediately followed by a genetic one. By 1545, just seven years after their arrival, a handful of Spanish settlers had produced 1500 Mestizo children; by the 1570s there were just 250 Spaniards left, and around 10,000 Mestizos — some the offspring of Indian "wives", many the products of rape and concubinage.

Then came the Jesuits, collecting the Indians into "Reducciones", where they were reduced from savagery to salvation in one of the most remarkable utopian experiments of all. The Jesuit missions of central South America appear in stark contrast to the rest of South American history, providing religion, sculpture, music, systematic agriculture and much more all under the mantle of paternalist religion. "It was not paradise on earth," Gott observed, "but it was a pretty impressive achievement in the circumstances of a South American swamp." The Jesuits were expelled in 1767.

Gott tells the early history of the region with gusto and wit, but this is finally, and intentionally, a mournful book. What the conquistadors began, disease, famine, war and finally modern life have finished off. In the two centuries after 1530, the Indian populations touched by the intruders were reduced to a tenth of their original size, and the 19th-century independent governments proved, if anything, still more murderously efficient in wiping out the Indians.

Ben Macintyre

LAND WITHOUT EVIL
Utopian Journeys Across the South American Watershed
By Richard Gott
Verso, £18.95

Gott's requiem for the Indian tribes — the Guycurus of the Chaco, the Guaraní, the Chiriguanos, the Mojos, the war-like Payaguas — is poignant but never mawkish. Like the Cherokee or Navajo they have "all but disappeared", save for the occasional street sign, some linguistic remnants and a few squalid reservations.

If the polyglot explorers, adventurers and writers who washed up in the middle of South America shared anything, it was a casual brutality and deep arrogance towards the people who were already there. Martin Dobrizhoffer, the Jesuit chronicler, found them "more like beasts than men"; C. B. Mansfield, an upper class wanderer and travel writer who visited Paraguay in 1852, called them "miserable looking creatures". Even good old Barbrooke Grubb made it a rule "to assume at all times and under all circumstances superiority and authority" — which may explain why the Lengua periodically tried to kill him.

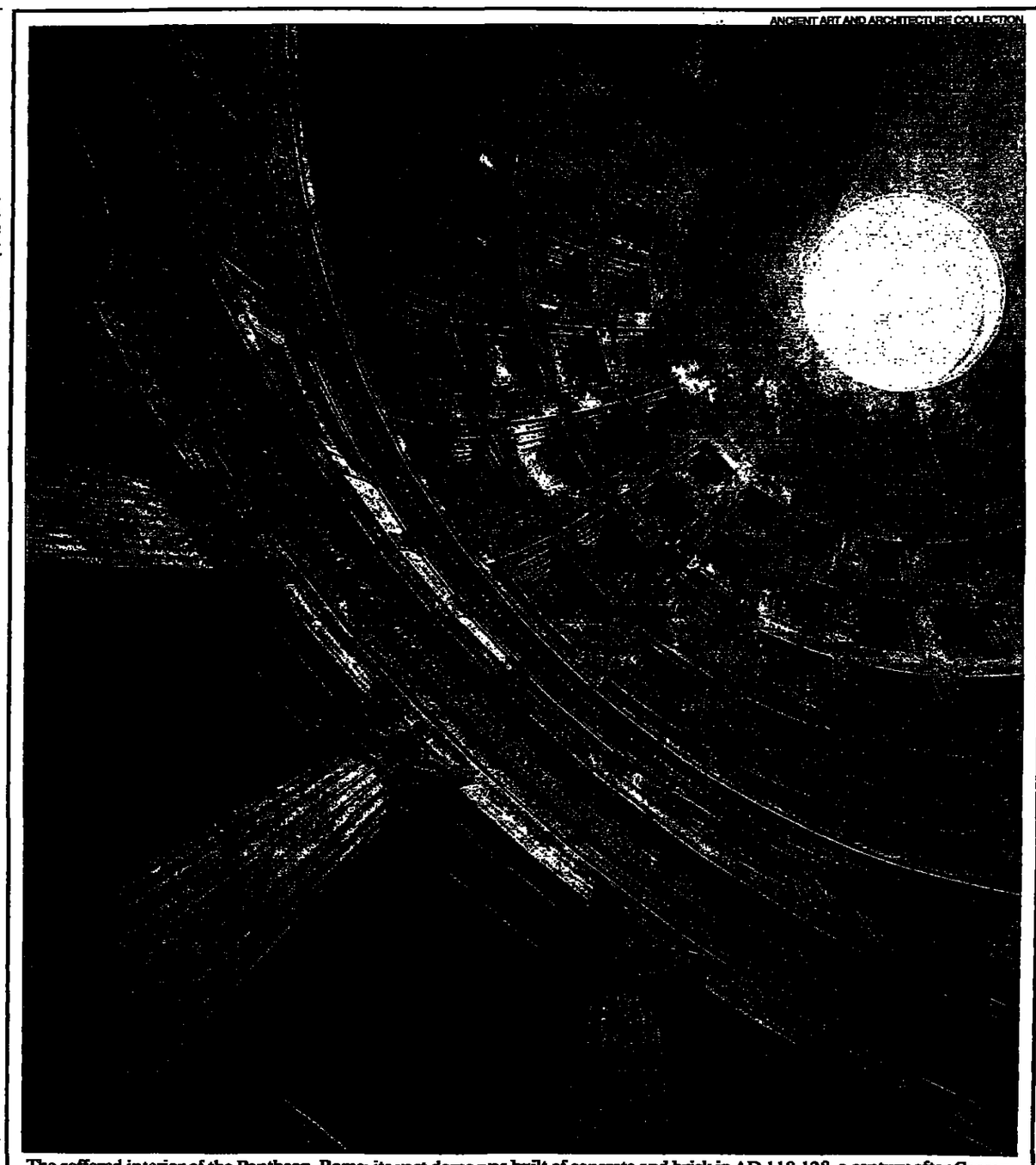
When the Portuguese explorer Aleixo Garcia first voyaged up the River Paraguay in 1524 and struck out west (reaching the Inca empire more than a decade before Pizarro) he came across numerous robust and self-sufficient peoples. Having killed and robbed them to sufficiency, he set off for home, only to be robbed and killed himself by his Indian allies. This was to become a familiar pattern. Some well meaning individuals sought to document and otherwise preserve the indigenous cultures. Most, with guns or bibles simply wrecked them.

In 1739, the author of *The Present State of All Nations* observed that "Paragua proper is a perfect terra incognita". Despite his obvious admiration for the Jesuits and a few others, Gott plainly wishes it had stayed that way.

Despite the wars and expeditions, the epic struggles for physical and spiritual dominion that have characterised the region and are here graphically retold, this is still one of the least understood parts of the world. But this book achieves an end which none of its predecessors would have contemplated, by establishing a genuine, if necessary faint voice for the once great Indian nations which battled over this land long before the Europeans arrived. "A memory of them," Gott observes, "deserves to be resurrected." He has written one.

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Would it were fatter!

The Brutuses did not need Allan Massie's delightful new novel to establish their place in English fiction. When your family is descended from the legendary Brute, founder of the British race as related by Geoffrey of Monmouth; and when it has won the starring role for the Marcus Junius branch in Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, still playing all over the world, this week's publication of young Decimus Brutus's memoirs is perhaps a small matter.

This book should be welcomed, however, both by any British survivors of the illustrious Roman clan

Peter Stothard

CAESAR
By Allan Massie
Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99

and by the probably rather greater number here who have enjoyed Massie's finely attuned writings over the years. *Caesar* — just as the dictator gets the title part in what is really Shakespeare's play about Brutus, so he gets it now — is an intimate account of how the friends and allies of the first divine Julius became his assassins.

This story, told with the wit and moral perspicacity of which Massie is a minor master, is one of those tales that can be reinterpreted for any time. The new version has a hint of the plots against Hitler, John F. Kennedy and even Margaret Thatcher. "I have heard Caesar deny the very existence of society", says the narrator. "Precisely," replies Cicero. "I have talked to you before now of the threat which I choose to call individualism."

The historical figure of Decimus Brutus was a cousin of Marcus and, of all the conspirators, the one whom Caesar had the best reason to trust. He had won naval victories for his master and, as the novelist sees things, had suffered little more from him than a lack of recognition for his contribution to history — the classic apparatchik's lament. It is thus Decimus Brutus to whom the assassins give the job of reassuring the dictator that his wife's bad dreams were, in fact, harmless reminders of how much Romans relied on their leader for strength. After some finely-observed encounters with doubt, Decimus does his duty to republican freedoms and joins the band who plunge the dagger into Caesar and their empire into civil war.

After the Ides of March Decimus Brutus's career is on as fast a downward path as it was rising before. The happy days of Gallic rape and throat-cuttings, temporarily replaced by idle debauchery in Rome, turn into a life on the run and the eventual offer of a jewelled dagger by his Gallic captor, acting on the orders of Caesar's heirs. It was considered in antiquity that Decimus Brutus did not do the decent thing by killing himself. But Massie kindly leaves open the possibility that his narrator, and semi-hero, might have done the heroic deed without outside help. "There is something in the barbarian soul which responds nobly to nobility", he opines, the nearly perfect Roman to the end.

Peter Stothard became Editor of The Times *eight months ago.*

Snuff, cigars and syphilis

The "noble savage" of the old Caribbean had a fairly good 1992. A big film presented his suffering at the hands of Columbus. Kirkpatrick Sale in his *Conquest of Paradise* described his methods of agriculture and how they were destroyed by the conquistadors. What has been lacking has been a good up to date work on who the people of the Caribbean were in 1492, and why there are no more of them. The lack has now been filled by Irving Rouse, the doyen of studies of these things at Yale.

The book is completely satisfactory up to a certain point. Professor Rouse writes clearly and with economy. His book is beautifully produced, with many informative illustrations. Rouse tells us that the people concerned, the Tainos, came originally to the main islands of Cuba, Hispaniola and Puerto Rico from South America. He says that they pushed out a small group who were there before, and who were practically extinct by 1492, though the Spanish caught glimpses of them in west Cuba.

The Tainos were being pressed in the east by the Caribs, who were moving up the Windward and Leeward islands in a way which might have led to their domination of the Antilles if the Europeans had held off for a century or two. Rouse confirms the judgments of Columbus and others that the Tainos were peaceful, had a sophisticated agriculture based on cassava and sweet potatoes which, with fruit, some maize, and a great deal of fishing, did more than fulfil their needs.

The Tainos smoked cigars, apparently for pleasure, and had snuff, but seem to have had no alcohol of any kind. They had ball games of complexity. They had pottery, and painted it. They painted themselves too, for ceremonies and for war. They wore little but the men had cotton covering for their private parts, while women wore short skirts. They traded and travelled by sea a lot, unlike modern inhabitants of the West Indies, as Rouse dryly points out, in excellent canoes using paddles. These canoes seem to have been superior to those used by the otherwise more advanced Mayas on the mainland.

Hugh Thomas

THE TAINOS
By Irving Rouse
Yale University Press, £16.95

Their mild and somewhat uninteresting religion was studied by a priest who arrived on Columbus's second voyage, Father Ramón Pané. Their political arrangements seem enlightened. Women as well as men could serve as chiefs, the chiefs' responsibilities included the organisation of singing and dancing, and was on a village basis. They were fairly free of disease, but they probably did have syphilis. The evidence still seems to be that they gave it to the Europeans.

Where Rouse is less satisfactory is about what happened to these people. For there are no Tainos left, even if there are a few Caribs in Dominica. Where did they go?

The answer must depend on how many *naturales*, as the Spanish call them, there were in the first place. Here the speculation and guessing is quite out of hand, as it has been ever since the 16th century. Take Hispaniola. All that we know for certain is that by about 1525 there were no Tainos: the Spaniards had begun to import black slaves from Africa to do the hard work.

The size of the demographic catastrophe implicit in this disappearance depends on what the population was in 1492. Bartolomé de las Casas gave numerous figures in the course of his half century of inspired propagandising on behalf of the American indigenous peoples, including a figure of eight million for Hispaniola alone. Woodrow Borah, another doyen of American history, in demographic studies, very surprisingly, committed himself to the same figure a few years ago, after many impressive mathematical calculations.

Yet Charles Verlinden, the Belgian historian, has argued that in 1492 there may have been about only 55,000 or 65,000 Tainos in Hispaniola. A methodical Argentine demographer years ago, Angel Rosenblatt, thought the figure might have been 100,000. More recently, Luis Arranz in Spain has a slightly higher estimate, having worked on details of a division of the surviving Indians to certain conquistadors in 1513.

The Verlinden-Rosenblatt-Arranz calculations must be nearer the truth than those of Las Casas-Borah. This admission accepts that there was a demographic tragedy, but of a quite different scale to that denounced by Las Casas, and implicit in Borah.

It is disappointing that Rouse has not given any judgment of his own on the question, nor really on what happened in the islands in the first generation after the Spanish conquest. The conquistadors were often brutal, but there were degrees of brutality. Governor Velázquez of Cuba was relaxed, Ovando, the first serious Spanish governor in Hispaniola a serious administrator, Garay in Jamaica benign. The Indians died, not because of disease, but from overwork, loss of identity and shortage of traditional food, caused by Castilian imports of cattle and pigs. Also some intermarried, so that several *criollo* Cuban families had Indian blood.

What is now necessary is a study which combines the anthropological and archaeological expertise of Rouse with the command of Spanish sources of an Arranz or a Pérez de Tudela, author of a famous study of Hispaniola under Spain in the late 1490s and early 1500s, which does not appear in Rouse's bibliography.

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Journals of the plague years

In America, Dale Peck's first novel is modestly entitled *Martin & John*. How sad that so crude and attention-seeking a title should have been smeared by Chatto & Windus on the cover of so fine a work, with the result that the novel will almost certainly be more talked about than read. Not only that, but if read, then held at arm's length for fear that Peck's prose should turn out to be as brutish, *groutish* and spit-in-yer-face as his title.

In fact, Peck's prose is immaculate; he writes as Aubrey Beardsley drew. Viewed in close-up, his sentences have the cool, stylised rightness of fresh-cut tulips, so smooth and streamlined that they almost seem artificial. Step back a

Michael Wright

FUCKING MARTIN
By Dale Peck
Chatto & Windus, £9.99 pbk original

SCAR TISSUE
By Michael Ignatieff
Chatto & Windus, £9.99 pbk original

few paces and the big picture is revealed: a heat-haze field blazing with fierce colours. The apparent artlessness with which Peck's first-person narrator dreams up variations on the theme of sex and death — heaping them one on top of another like glistening cadavers or guests at orgies — is splendidly at odds with the chiselled meticulousness of his expressions.

So while John drifts and meanders from pain to pain and story to story in attempting to come to terms with his parents, with his homosexuality and with Martin (not necessarily separately, and not necessarily in that order), his long, arabesquing paragraphs come to rest in cadences that close with the swishing, satisfying clunk of expensive car-doors.

John is revealed as Peck's alter ego, endlessly reworking the same story as he attempts to dispel the nightmare visions and imaginings thrown up by watching his lover, Martin, dying of Aids. The conflict between beauty and ugliness, between sex as life-affirming and death-binding, is what sustains momentum. There are shades of Oedipus-gone-haywire here, and echoes of Hamlet, too, in John's tortuous and sexually-charged relationship with his parents.

Peck has shaken liberal doses of Freud and Jung into the stew of sex and death which he stirs so magnificently. Images of drowning and drought, of paralysed hands and tooth-scarred faces pop up like eerily recognisable body parts floating to the surface of a cannibal's cauldron. Really good first novels tend to be glibly squashed as merely "promising". Peck has very much arrived with his. I hope he sticks around.

Michael Ignatieff's second novel *Scar Tissue* is also published as a parchment-coloured paperback original. The book starts similarly, too, before hurtling off in a rather different, but equally rewarding, direction. Where Peck's narrative is quicksilver and organic — floating along in a molten, poetic flow disguised beneath the crust as smooth, hard prose — Ignatieff is prosaic almost to the core. His narrator describes the slow and painful development of his mother's premature senility with a combination of scientific accuracy and child-like terror.

Gradually, Ignatieff's finely-tuned case-study is twisted into something more resonant and searching than merely a portrait of an illness. The narrator begins to explore the relationship between memory and selfhood, recognising to his horror that his mother has a fine stack of memories and no idea of what to do with them, to whom they relate, or whence they came.

It is her sense of identity, and with it her ability to make connections, that has been shot to pieces by her senility. The signifier is wrenched away from the signified, until his mother appears to be living in a world full of signs without points of reference. And the illness is hereditary, so that the narrative itself has disease built into it; the writer's prose is just waiting to be decomposed.

Far from being sensational or undone by too much clever self-referentiality, Ignatieff's novel impresses in its wisdom as much as in its restraint. The author writes with sufficient grace and imaginative power to dispel the slightly clinical whiff of hospitals that hangs over his narrative. Thus, where Peck's chiming, metallic style is necessary to hold his oozy narrative in check, here it is the warmth and elegance of Ignatieff's handling of language that prevents the novel from seeming brittle. Intensity is not achieved at the expense of integrity. Far from being merely an efficient book written by a clever man, this is a rich novel written by a magnanimous writer with an exquisite talent for naturalism.

Books about death and disease are not everybody's favourite. Here the publishers have pulled off an unexpectedly enjoyable double.



KELVIN BRODIE

"Cigar, sir?" George Brown at lunch with mining officials at Bretby, near Derby, in 1964: his ebullient style was not enough to persuade unions and management to accept Labour's National Plan

Woodrow Wyatt was fond of George Brown. Here he praises a life of this least statesmanlike of leaders

Partying before politics

On the Friday morning after the first ballot in the Labour leadership contest following Hugh Gaitskell's death in 1963, I had a drink with George Brown in the House of Commons smoking room. Gloomily he accepted he wasn't far enough ahead of Wilson to win the second ballot.

"Why do you think it went wrong?" sad George Brown asked. "You must face it. It's because you're so dreadfully rude to people when you're drunk." "What makes them think I'm rude to them just because I'm drunk?" When the second ballot confirmed Wilson as leader, George disappeared in a sulk and could not be traced for days. Before the first ballot George Wigg (later Lord Wigg), Wilson's campaign manager, offered me the bribe of a good job in the next government if I supported Wilson. I replied: "I'd rather have George Brown drunk than Wilson sober."

In 1964, when Labour won narrowly, George Brown as prime minister would have been exciting, not to say sensational. I think we could have controlled the drink problem by having a minder always by him to take his glass away. I might have volunteered. He had a very low alcohol threshold: a modest intake turned sane brilliance into embarrassing lunacy. At dinner at my house while foreign secretary, he sat next to Edwina d'Erlanger, once a considerable beauty and then still good looking. He talked to her briefly and drunkenly. Then he shouted, "Shut up, you old bag. I've talked to you long enough. Now I'm going to talk to this pretty girl on my other side." Dinner ended with George on his back, waving his legs until he could no longer move them.

The authentic George, a blustering but able administrator, stalks these pages. There is a wonderful description of how he got the Tower of London to open on Sundays when briefly Minister of Works in 1951. It was a notion first mooted in 1912 but blocked by successive Constables of the Tower until George arrived. Military considerations, a rest day for the troops, peace for the residents, every bureaucratic argument was advanced. George ignored the advice of his civil servants to leave well alone. He plunged in, enlisting George VI on his side, to whom even the Constable of the Tower had to bow, particularly on the matter of seeing the Crown Jewels, which were said to be impossible to guard on a Sunday. From March well into October the "experiment" of Sunday opening continues to this day with tremendous paying attendance. George had himself photographed at the Tower on the first Sunday to prove he had done it.

TIRED AND EMOTIONAL
The Life of Lord George-Brown
By Peter Paterson
Chatto & Windus, £20

George had a chip a mile high about intellectuals. Having left school at 15, he envied the superiority of Hugh Gaitskell, Dick Crossman, Tony Crosland and Roy Jenkins. Repeatedly I would tell George that they all genuinely thought him more brilliant than themselves in argument and in illuminating vital points. Unhappily he was never persuaded.

I must take issue with the author's belief that the emergence of the extreme left-wing Frank Cousins brought a "glimmer of democracy" to the unions. Also with his assertion that Hugh Gaitskell, who showered affection on friends and supporters, was "not much inclined to warmth".

Minor imperfections apart, the author's accuracy is remarkable. The account of the famous dinner given by Labour's National Executive for Khrushchev and Bulganin has never been bettered. Khrushchev accused Britain of throwing "bloodthirsty Germans at the throat of the nice Russians", at which point Khrushchev saw George was muttering something and asked if he was afraid to repeat it aloud. George stoutly said: "May God forgive you." He explained that if Moscow had not signed the treaty with Hitler, we would not have been alone fighting Hitler for a year before Russia got started. There was pandemonium, with Nye Bevan advancing on Khrushchev wagging his finger, causing Khrushchev later to declare that if he were British he would vote Conservative.

George's outrageous behaviour was laughed at and excused by the public, for whom he was the most popular and inspired Labour leader in my lifetime. I think Peter Paterson set out to defend George Brown, but truth made this impossible. His appalling behaviour to his wife, who sweated blood dedicating her troubled life to him, and to the mistress he spurned her for in his decay; his sudden swerves from loyalty to treachery; his horrible humiliation of those who could not answer back, were beyond excuse.

Yet he was deeply religious, with a solid knowledge of the Bible, converting to Roman Catholicism on his lonely debt-ridden deathbed. For all his faults I can still see his welcoming smile and love him. Peter Paterson has achieved an outstanding biography which will be a valuable part of our history.

Little power and less glory

Pope Paul VI is commonly remembered as the author of *Humanae Vitae*, the 1968 encyclical which confirmed the traditional teaching of the Catholic Church that artificial birth control was morally wrong. The outrage this inspired is still felt today. To non-Catholics it seemed to sully sex. To liberal Catholics it was a betrayal of the Second Vatican Council, which had sanctified sex as an expression of conjugal love, and had suggested a "collegial" approach to church government. It

Piers Paul Read

PAUL VI
The First Modern Pope
By Peter Hebblethwaite
HarperCollins, £35

was widely ignored, dismissed in some quarters as "the private theological opinion of the bishop of Rome". "Don't be afraid," Paul told Edouard Gagnon, "in 20 years time they'll call me a prophet." Twenty-five years later, many do.

Giovanni Battista Montini was born in 1897 near Brescia in northern Italy where his father, Georgio, was the editor of a Catholic newspaper. He trained as a priest in Rome, and after his ordination became chaplain to the association of Catholic students. In fascist Italy, this was a post of great political sensitivity which he handled well. He was spotted as a curial high flyer and moved in 1933 to the Papal Secretariat of State. "Monsignor Montini," wrote Pius XI, "has gifts destined to permit him to render services to the Church on a much higher level."

Always liberal minded — dangerously liberal to some of the curial cardinals — Montini came into his own after the war, when some of his former protégés in the Catholic student movement, including Aldo Moro and Giulio Andreotti, emerged from hiding to launch the Christian Democrat movement. Montini was not just a skilful diplomat; he was also a discerning intellectual, who read the work of advanced French theologians like Maritain and the novels of Greene, including *The Power and the Glory*, which Cardinal Pizzardo had placed on the Index.



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Pontifex maximus: Pope Paul VI wearing the triple crown

In 1954 he was made archbishop of Milan, and nine years later succeeded John XXIII as Pope. Although opposed by a conservative faction in the consistory, he was the obvious man for the job: demonstrably pious, an efficient and experienced ecclesiastical statesman and far more "open" to the world than John XXIII. As Hebblethwaite tells us, "He makes dear old jug-eared Roncalli... look narrow, frowsty, lacking in taste and distinctly old-fashioned."

Why, then, did it all end in tears? Mario Rossi, a one time leader of the Catholic students who was an admirer of Montini, ascribes his troubles to "a failure to understand the ordinary world, a remoteness from everyday life..." These were things a spell as an ordinary parish priest might have taught him. He was always determined to see the best in everyone, and therefore failed until it was almost too late to see the "smoke from Satan rising up within the Church".

Peter Hebblethwaite's biography is an impressive work of scholarship, and suffers only from an ambivalent attitude towards his subject — inevitably so because Hebblethwaite, like John Harriott to whom he dedicates his book, was once a Jesuit. He left the order after Vatican II, took a wife, and has earned his living in recent years as a sometimes tendentious commentator on Vatican affairs.

All the churchmen who caused Paul VI so much anguish — Cardinal Suenens, Karl Rahner and the Jesuit General Pedro Arrupe — are Hebblethwaite's heroes. As a result, he gives us a tragedy without drama. In Malachi Martin's *The Jesuits* there are powerful passages describing Paul VI's fruitless plea for support from the Jesuits, whose founder, St Ignatius Loyola, placed his order at the service of the Papacy. Hebblethwaite's book virtually ignores the treachery of his former companions. He suggests that Arrupe was a very nice fellow, who did not believe "that leaving the Society of Jesus was the end of the world or the end of all ministry... He never used the Roman language of 'defections' and stayed friends with those who departed" — like Peter Hebblethwaite, perhaps, but not with those who stayed, like poor Paul VI.

This special pleading does not detract from Hebblethwaite's achievement. There is more than enough in these 700-odd pages for the reader to make up his own mind about Paul VI. To some he will remain the dithering author of *Humanae Vitae*. To others, he will emerge as a man of many sorrows but ultimate joy. "There is only one sadness," wrote Georges Bernanos in *Saint Dominique*, a copy of which Paul VI treasured in his library. "Not to be a saint."

Piers Paul Read's Ablaze: The story of Chernobyl *will be published later this month.*

She nourished all the world

Elisabeth Furse claims that the journalist Milton Shulman once stormed through her Belgravia bistro shouting: "Why oh why is she so unself-conscious?" The actress Sarah Churchill would come straight from the pub and, faced with the often abitrarily closed door, would shout: "You bloody Russian woman, you will let me in." Mrs Furse has written, with expert help, a rather grave and thrilling autobiography.

Furse in her late teens became a passionate communist after a lonely upper-class Russo-German childhood. She had the native wit to smuggle her first husband out of a Nazi prison, fooled more Germans into believing she was an American expatriate in occupied France and finally worked courageously for the British in the Vichy south. Her eldest son by her second husband, the journalist Anthony Haden-Guest, toddles across enemy lines, drugged by his mother and guided on reins.

Lesley Chamberlain

DREAM WEAVER
By Elisabeth Furse and Anne Barr
Chapmans, £16.99

Determined not to lose interest in the world, when finally alone after 14 pregnancies, five children, three husbands, and some interesting-sounding lovers, Furse at 81 most recently toddled off to Maastricht, with a crutch, a shopping trolley, and a press card. She has been to Moscow, terrified her publishing friends by loose-cannoning at the Frankfurt Book Fair, and saw the Berlin Wall come down.

Sixty years earlier, her early adult life ended there when German communism collapsed in a mess of betrayal and she lost friends to the Stalinist purges. She was born in the Baltic port of Königsberg. Jewish, she lost relatives in Majdanek and Auschwitz; her favourite cousin committed suicide in Gdansk to escape the Nazis.

Given this extraordinary fate, a willingness to court danger, and to stretch her resources to fit often straitened circumstances, Furse could not help becoming a character. She judged strangers swiftly, fell in love easily, and could act any part life required of her to survive; out of an enormous sense of self-reliance, she justified all her actions. This book exudes the pathos that often surfaces in intensely active lives when at last those who live them stop and take stock.

When life demobbed Furse and propelled her to Britain, she used her extraordinary "amoral moral" qualities to bring up the five children of her third marriage on a pittance, and create the bistro whose named customers — bistrottes — read like an index to two decades of social and intellectual gossip columns. She craved creative talk, argument, wit, and found it in journalists, politicians, diplomats, models, socialites. David Owen has been a staunch friend ever since he first came alone to the off-beat café in Bourne Street near Sloane Square to read newspapers. The soup was made of leftovers, customers brought their own booze, regulations were flouted, and Elisabeth and her guests seemed to thrive.

Not so her husband Pat, a quieter soul, who left and remarried, and her children, who became all but alienated. Her son Johnny makes some pertinent psychological speculations about his mother: hungry for attention, quick to meddle and condemn. One problem was her readiness to give more attention to strangers than to her children. She admits that early communist experience left her craving comrades.

Her politics have to come to rest rightish of centre, with a particular loathing reserved for the soft option welfare state, and a predilection for near-poverty as the most interesting way to live. Looking back, she is sad to be alone. "Mother Courage", observed a catty female bistrotte. She should take it as a compliment.

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Taylor sticks with tired and trusted for crucial Cup ties

By Keith Pike

IT REMAINS harder to break out of the England football squad than it is to break into it. Whether it is regarded as stubbornness or loyalty, Graham Taylor will rely on the tired and trusted for the two games within five days which could make or break their World Cup campaign.

The England manager, who yesterday announced a squad of 25 for the group four matches in Poland on May 29 and Norway on June 2, resisted the temptation to either experiment with or add match-winning experience to the team that let slip a 2-0 lead — and possibly its chances of qualification — against Holland at Wembley last month. It means no Anderton, Beresford or Flitcroft, and yet again no Chris Waddle.

Nor was Taylor prepared to offer his reasons, refusing to take issue with those who recently voted the Sheffield Wednesday winger their player of the year. "This is my squad, it's as simple as that," he said.

Two days after returning from Norway, 22 of the 25 will fly out again to the United States for the three-match US Cup '93 tournament. David Seaman will not be among them, the Arsenal goalkeeper having a long-standing appointment with a specialist for a double hernia operation. More surprisingly, nor will John Barnes.

After the two World Cup matches, the Liverpool captain, troubled by a succession of injuries for the past two years, will instead undertake an extensive "conditioning course" to ensure he is fit for the start of next season. "It will be of more benefit to him, to Liverpool and to England to make sure he does not break down again," Taylor, with one eye on the return match against Poland at Wembley on September 8, said. He has not, he stressed, given Barnes any assurances about his place in future England squads: "It is a gamble, but one I think he is right to take."

But even if Taylor's argument, that he cannot accommodate Barnes and Waddle in the same squad, let alone the same side, is accepted, it seems strange that Waddle's name does not appear on Taylor's list of five stand-by players when he knows Barnes will not be with him in the States.

Having previously insisted that Waddle was among the "30 or so" players uppermost in his mind, surely Taylor has now finally closed the door on Waddle's England career. By the time they arrive in the States, for matches against the hosts on June 9 in Boston, Brazil (June 13 in Washington) and Germany (June 19 in Detroit), England may have already blown their chances of returning there for the World Cup finals the following year.

Having already dropped home points to the group leaders, Norway, and Holland, and with a visit to the Dutch still to come in October, they will struggle to finish in the top two unless they can prise three points out of the matches in Katowice and Oslo. Much may depend, yet again, on the fitness or otherwise of Paul Gascoigne.

Gascoigne, who needed an operation after suffering a fractured cheekbone during the match against Holland, was scheduled to have the stitches removed yesterday and return to Italy today, but he is likely to have played only once for Lazio before England's game in Poland.

Taylor has also selected Ian Wright, the Arsenal striker, and Tony Dorigo, the Leeds United defender, is his squad, although neither is presently fit. Wright resumed training only on Tuesday after breaking a toe, but is confident of appearing in the FA Cup final against Sheffield Wednesday on May 15; Dorigo is likely to return for Leeds' game against Coventry City on Saturday. Should either suffer a setback, Paul Warhurst and Earl Barrett would be favourites to be promoted from the stand-by list.

That list also includes Trevor Steven, of Rangers. He will play against Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup final on the day England play Poland, unless Taylor is afflicted by an unexpectedly heavy toll of injuries between now and then. Bemoaning again the excessive demands on his leading players, Taylor is not discounting the possibility of having to invoke the Fifa six-day rule to get Steven's release.

Although Taylor forsook the opportunity to take a closer look at the potential of players like Flitcroft, of Manchester City, Beresford, of Newcastle United, or Anderton, the latter's Tottenham Hotspur team-mate, Teddy Sheringham, keeps his place in the squad, as does Martin Keown, who received a late call-up to face the Dutch. The only uncapped player is Tim Flowers, of Southampton, who will provide goalkeeping cover for Woods and Martyn in the States.

ENGLAND SQUAD

G Woods (Sheffield Wednesday), D Seaman (Arsenal), N Martyn (Crystal Palace), T Flowers (Southampton); L Dixon (Arsenal), D Bardsley (Queens Park Rangers), A Dorigo (Leeds United), N Winterburn (Arsenal), D Walker (Sampdoria), M Keown (Arsenal), A Adams (Arsenal), G Pallister (Manchester United); P Gascoigne (Lazio), D Platt (Juventus), D Batty (Leeds United), C Palmer (Sheffield Wednesday), P Ince (Manchester United); J Barnes (Liverpool), P Merson (Arsenal), A Sinton (Queens Park Rangers), L Sharpe (Manchester United), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), I Wright (Arsenal), L Ferdinand (Queens Park Rangers), E Sheringham (Tottenham Hotspur). Stand-by players: D Burrows (Liverpool), E Barrett (Aston Villa), T Steven (Rangers), B Deane (Sheffield United), P Warhurst (Sheffield Wednesday).


MARK LEECH

Gazing into the future: Keegan is looking for his team from Tyneside to dominate the game as his former club, Liverpool, once did

Keegan confronted by greatest challenge

Louise Taylor looks at how Newcastle United and their articulate manager, Kevin Keegan, will fare in the cauldron of the Premier League

Seats in the top tier of Newcastle United's handsome Milburn Stand afford a panoramic, bird's-eye view across the city. Regular occupants cherish the hope that soon they will also be looking down on the rest of the Premier League from their perches at St James' Park.

Immense satisfaction has been drawn from the experience of this season when the first division has gazed up to Kevin Keegan's team, which secured the championship that always seemed inevitable at Grimsby on Tuesday night.

Winning the Premier League will not be so straightforward. Newcastle have not claimed domestic football's premier prize since 1927 and, although the United supporters idolise him, the jury is still out on Kevin Keegan as a manager. Prodding a sleeping giant into life is one thing, keeping it awake another.

Keegan would delight in proving the doubters wrong in the same way he confounded cynics by staving off relegation to the then third division after succeeding Ossie Ardiles in February 1992.

Sceptics said that Sir John Hall, Newcastle's millionaire chairman, was naive to appoint him. Although Keegan temporarily walked out after being refused cash for players, Sir John played his cards to perfection. So well that Keegan not only returned but installed his wife, daughters and horses on Sir John's country estate in County Durham.

Whispers that it would end in tears intensified when Mick Quinn, now with Coventry City, publicly labelled Keegan's training methods as shambolic.

Still feeling his way back into football after eight years of relaxation and golf in Spain, Keegan sensibly promoted a first-rate tactician in Derek Fazackerley, who had arrived earlier from Blackburn Rovers. The role of the Newcastle coach should not be underestimated, for he helped guide them to victory in their first 11 matches of the season.

By October players were keen to sign for Keegan. The articulate, 42-year-old former Liverpool, Newcastle and England player was proving a sponsor's dream — and with Newcastle £6.5 million in debt, needing to spend £12 million on making the ground all-seater and wanting new players, he had to be.

Sir John also dipped into his pocket and guaranteed loans enabling Keegan to pay £1.75 million for Andy Cole, from Bristol City, the striker repaying him with eight goals in nine games. Probably the best investment though was £750,000 spent on the Robert Lee, the Charlton forward. Less spectacular individuals such as Barry Venison and John Beresford are solid full backs but, between them, central defence looks suspect, for all Lee Howey's promise.

Hall, however, has pledged further funds, insisting: "We don't want to be like Sunderland and Middlesbrough to go up only to come down."

But with the original debt reduced by only £1.5 million, the ground being redeveloped and hefty interest payments owing on loans, the minimum £1.3 million guaranteed by Premier League membership will ease rather than erase the overdraft.

Sir John's solution is to charge supporters £3,000 for a 99-year lease on 1,500 seats in the Milburn Stand, with the additional cost of a season ticket still to be paid annually. This so-called platinum club has alienated regulars, who point out that they cheered Newcastle through years of failure only to be priced out by corporate hospitality at the first glimmer of success.

Undaunted, Hall talks of being part of a European super league in the next decade. He probably has no choice, his ambitious financial equation being based on the premise that Newcastle keep winning.

It is an extraordinary burden for any manager but, driven by a fierce pride, Keegan is an exceptional man. As a former student of Bill Shankly at Liverpool, he will not consider himself a true success until Tyneside dominates British football in the way Merseyside once did.

Sheffield close to ensuring survival

By Our Sports Staff

THE great escape artists did it again on Tuesday night: Sheffield United almost certainly pulled away from relegation with a 2-0 victory at Everton, maintaining, in the process, their enviable record of brinkmanship at the bottom of the Premier League and, before that, the first division.

Only an extraordinary turnaround can pull United back into the bottom three — with Oldham needing to win their last two games of the season by wide margins — and Dave Bassett, the Sheffield manager, could afford a relieved smile after his side's success at Goodison Park.

"We are 99 per cent of the way there," he said. "It's now down to Oldham to win two games by a considerable amount of goals and hope we concede a few. We were a bit deflated when Oldham got a great result at Villa, but now the pressure is back on them." Goals from Carl Bradshaw and Glyn Hodges, scoring from the rebound after Neville Southall had saved his penalty, earned the points for United.

While Newcastle United were celebrating their first division championship, Sunderland, their near-neighbours and closest rivals, were still sweating on their own survival. Beaten 2-1 at Tranmere Rovers, Sunderland also had their captain, Kevin Ball, sent off in the last minute for a foul on Pat Nevin.

In the second division, Bolton Wanderers overtook Port Vale to claim an automatic promotion spot with a 1-0 victory over the champions, Stoke City, but the drama was at Exeter, where the home manager, Alan Ball, was involved in angry scenes at the end of the match with Port Vale.

The former England player had to be restrained by his team captain, Peter Whiston, and physiotherapist, Mike Chapman, from confronting the match referee, Bob Hamer, after he had awarded Vale a last-minute penalty from which Paul Kerr ensured a 1-1 draw. An Exeter victory would have ensured them of second division football next season.

Spectators raced onto the pitch and bundled Hamer to the ground, before he was rescued by club security officials and police.

Gascoigne can start training

By Our Sports Staff

PAUL Gascoigne yesterday received clearance to resume light training from the surgeon who operated on his broken cheekbone. But the Lazio footballer has a race to be fit for England's World Cup ties in Poland and Norway in less than four weeks.

The midfield player, hurt by the Dutchman Jan Wouters's elbow in last week's 2-2 draw at Wembley, returned yesterday for a check-up at the private Essex clinic where he had his latest operation.

The outcome was permission for him to resume light training, coupled with inclusion in Graham Taylor's England squad for the matches in Katowice, on May 29 and Oslo on June 2.

A statement from the clinic said: "Following Paul Gascoigne's operation to straighten a depressed fractured segment of his cheekbone last Friday, he has had a post operative check with his surgeon, Mr James Evans, and has now gone back to Italy to recommence training with Lazio.

"Paul Gascoigne has done very well and made a good recovery but he will be out of competitive football for a few weeks . . . his fractured cheekbone is well aligned."

Taylor put Gascoigne's recovery at three weeks from the day of surgery, and is hopeful he will play in an Italian League game at Brescia on May 23 before joining the rest of the squad at Bisham the following day. Taylor said: "As far as I'm concerned, if everything goes well there is no problem there."

Lazio will make their own medical assessment and have not yet ruled out the possibility of him playing a week earlier in the home game against Ancona.

Nottingham Forest are planning a lasting tribute to Brian Clough's remarkable 18-year reign at the City Ground.

The club is to build a new executive stand at the Trent end of the ground next summer — and it will be named after Clough.

Fred Reacher, the chairman, said: "For what he has achieved at this club, it would not be misplaced if the entire stadium was named after Brian. But I'm sure he will be honoured to have his name linked with what will be a superb new development."

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St Mellion's lie ideal for Faldo's approach

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

THE European Tour turns its attentions to Cornwall today as St Mellion plays host to the Benson and Hedges International Open golf tournament for the fourth successive year.

There is a lot of money on offer — £91,660 to the winner — and since that translates into Ryder Cup points, the field does not lack quality.

Nick Faldo will be attempting to win the title for the first time — he tied for third last year and lost to Peter Baker in a play-off at Fulford in 1988 — and hopes to do so by reverting to the type of putting he employed as an amateur.

"I was a great putter as an amateur, but you can't keep it going all the time," Faldo said. "I've had years and spells as a pro when I haven't putted brilliantly, but I've also had my years as a pro when I putted great. It's just a case of finding something else to work on and believe in."

Faldo has had the weeks since the Masters in Augusta off, to mull over his putting. He has been trying to make his shoulders bear the brunt of the stroke — having felt that his arms had become too independent of the shoulder movement — and incorporate a forward press into his routine. "I've been fiddling with it to get comfortable," he said: and no one is a better fiddler than Faldo.

No less an authority than Sandy Lyle, who should have learnt a thing or two about Faldo and his capabilities over the years, tipped his old rival to win this week. "He and Mark McNulty are my hot tips for the week," the Scot said. "It's their type of golf course. They're very — I won't say boring — they're very consistent, they hit it down the middle and hole the putts. This course is tricky and it's a bit too tight for me. I need more room — the Sahara desert, maybe — and I'm not too confident about how I'll cope if the wind gets up."

Like Faldo, Lyle, whose last outing was in the Greater Greensboro Open two weeks ago, will be playing a pretty full schedule from now on, an indication that things are getting serious and that Open Championship is looming.

In the meantime, St Mellion is only moderately less serious. José María Olazábal is there, still fending off queries about his lack of a major title and his weak grip. Questioned on the former, he answered: "I can't see into the future."

On the latter, he waxed more expansive: "Have you seen a perfect swing yet? It has to work for the player. That's all we should be concerned about. If you see a perfect swing, just tell me."

Olazábal won in 1990 and echoed the general opinion that it is a fearsomely tough course, with straightness off the tee a prerequisite for success. He added that a person had to be playing very good golf to score well, a proviso that made his assessment of his own chances all the more intriguing. "I'm not hitting the ball as well as I would like to," he said, "but I think it's good enough to manage this course."

Peter Senior, the defending champion, who won in Japan last week, has proved he can manage the course and is playing well. "It was nice to pop one off in Japan," he said.

Some of the other notables in the field include Peter Oosterhuis and Tony Jacklin, Tour giants of the Seventies; Gary Nicklaus, son of Jack, who designed the course, which is sadly not a guarantee of success, though his inside knowledge should at least match that of one of the amateurs in the field, a fellow American called Clark Eichstedt. He used to play basketball for Plymouth — although Oosterhuis, at 6ft 5in, has a height advantage of a couple of inches when it comes to slam dunking — and has won the St Mellion club championship three times.

Eichstedt plays off one. If he matches his handicap today, it will be high fives all round.



Lyle: tips Faldo

Chinese wise to needs of successful bid



Promoting the cause: a Chinese worker rests in front of a hoarding carrying an advertising poster for the 2000 Olympic Games



David Miller finds an uncanny record of Olympic games waiting to be exploited in Peking

If Baron de Coubertin had hobnobbed with the Chinese instead of the English, there would probably have been polo and golf in the inaugural modern Olympic Games of 1896. Polo and golf were being played by the Chinese a mere thousand years ago, compared with football, at which they were busy in 221 BC.

It is all rather embarrasssing. We like to think that one of the strengths of the Manchester bid for 2000 is Britain's initiation of the many sports in the Olympic programme. Because China has for so long been a closed society, it tends to be overlooked that one of humanity's oldest civilisations was doing most things before most other people.

Significantly, the Peking committee is at present worrying as much as any of the campaigns about three more urgent contemporary issues. In the countdown to the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) vote in September, no bidding city is feeling secure.

Can they find, the Chinese wonder, a high-level political leader who speaks sufficient English or French to be part of their final presentation? Is the slogan "a more open China awaits the 2000 Games in Beijing" politically correct?

The Chinese, with all their centuries of wisdom, are acutely aware of both their unchallengable strength, as the world's most populous country, and their weakness of being relative newcomers to the Olympic movement.

Wan Siquan, the assistant mayor of Peking and joint secretary of the bid committee, discussed with me at length the delicate issues that will confront his team before the session in Monte Carlo. The possibility that John Major will speak for Manchester is viewed as a powerful weapon, yet a Chinese political leader who spoke haltingly could damage both the presentation and his own future.

The Chinese are still conscious of their post-Tiananmen standing, and of having inadequately handled the visit of IOC members during the excellently staged Asian Games of 1990. How much does the message "a more open China ..." convey an impression of a still partially closed China?

The wrong message, a mere three votes going the wrong way, could be decisive: as Salt Lake City will remember, having lost to Nagano, of Japan, by four votes on the 1998 Winter Games decision.

Much will depend on how the Chinese present themselves next week in the first East Asian Games, hosted by Shanghai, where a number of IOC members will be attending. They are carefully being taken through Peking, where structural and commercial development is visibly accelerating. The skyline is a forest of high-rise cranes — there are now a dozen joint-venture five-star hotels of Manhattan or Paris standard — and every street spawns foreign consumer goods advertising.

A new airport is scheduled, highway and modern accommodation development for the ten million population is comparable to Barcelona's in the Chinese government's $7.6 billion programme that is unrelated to the bid.

If Peking is elected, $400 million is to be spent on seven new facilities: main stadium, swimming pool, wood-track velodrome, equestrian and tennis complexes, rowing course and basketball hall. "Due to our long isolation, we became backward," Wei Jizong, the secretary of the National Olympic Committee and joint secretary of the bid, says. "We aim to prove that East Asia is no longer the sick man."

Yet what a fount of history is exhibited at the museum at the existing Asian Games sports complex. Stone-relief carvings and embossed bronze mirrors from the Qin and Song dynasties — 221 BC-AD 220 and AD 960-1279 respectively — carry details of football matches. Competitive archery is shown on a bronze vase from the Qin period and wrestling on cave murals and a wooden comb engraving from the Tang dynasty (AD 265-960). A mural in the tomb of Li Xiang, Prince of Zhanghuai, reveals sophisticated polo.

Boat racing took place on Jinming Lake during the Song period, as well as a formalised style of foot volleyball over a three-metre net. A mural in the River God temple at Shanxi depicts hockey; and *Wan Jing*, a detailed rules manual, has been discovered from the Yuan dynasty (AD 1206-1368) on countryside "ball-beating" with different clubs. What an admirable alternative name for golf.

In the *Collection of Book Outlines* (206 BC) Liu Xiang wrote: "The invention of the football is attributed by some to the Yellow Emperor [Huang Di, China's legendary pre-historic Adam] ... It is a military performance with which to train warriors and test their ability in combat." Vinnie Jones would have felt at home.

Phillips and crew slip back

RICHARD Merriweather and his British Steel Challenge crew aboard Commercial Union continued to make gains on their extreme eastward course through the Doldrums yesterday and, despite blowing out their spinnaker, opened up a 22-mile lead over John Chittenden's second placed yacht, Nuclear Electric.

But there was no such encouragement for Peter Phillips, skipper of Rhone-Poulenc, which lay trapped in calms about 350 miles to the west. Phillips reported: "All in all, a terrible day. We have gone into the Doldrums and stopped, while everyone else has closed up and wiped out all our gains. We hardly moved all day, and in one period of seven hours, covered only 12 miles, while others behind have gained as much as 30 miles.

"Our strategy is right because the Doldrums is widest near the land and narrowest to the west of us. Trouble is, it is now a lottery, for no two boats have the same wind. Only time will tell over the next couple of days which of us is in the best position." Overnight, Phillips's crew slipped to sixth place, after losing 31 miles to Pride of Teesside.

The CU crewman, Jock Stevenson-Hamilton, reported: "The squally weather which characterises the Doldrums continues. The wind just cannot make its mind up. Yvonne Taylor and Jim Kinnier-Wilson, our two metereologists, have found us some wind to the east which has enabled us to make good progress on the fleet. At one point we were doing ten knots in the right direction and had a school of dolphins piloting the boat."

Another to gain has been Interspray, which moved up a place to eighth at the expense of Hofbrau Lager. Hofbrau's skipper, Pete Goss, admitted to some frustration. "Progress is a complete lottery. If a cloud envelopes the boat and happens to be going your way, then progress is made, but there is nothing one can do when there is no wind. This is like sitting in a dentist's waiting-room with an open appointment. One might waltz in and get away with a check-up, or endure hours of painful treatment."

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): 1, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 2,701 miles; 2, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 2,723; 3, Group 4 Securitas (M Gellatly), 2,747; 4, British Steel II (R Turton), 2,752; 5, Pride of Teesside II (MacGillivray), 2,774; 6, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 2,791; 7, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 2,799; 8, Interspray (P Jeffery), 2,815; 9, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 2,905; 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 2,920.

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American team to compete in Palma

BY CRAIG LORD

THE United States is to send a team of ten men and ten women to the first world short-course swimming championships, to be held at Palma, Majorca, from December 1 to 5.

The decision, taken yesterday by US Swimming, the sport's governing body in the United States, ends a year of speculation that the world's leading swimming nation would not be represented at the event on the grounds that, much like the short-course World Cup, it does not fit into the domestic competition calendar.

Jeff Dimond, of US Swimming, indicated that the decision to send a team was taken after pressure from Fina, the international governing body, which stated that the championships would go ahead regardless of American participation.

All the problems are not resolved, however, since the United States open winter championships will be held at the same time as the short-course world championships. Eligibility to compete in Palma will be restricted to those who participate at the United States national championships and the Pan-Pacific championships this summer.

Swimming short-course only in yards, Americans have been notably absent from the list of world short-course records, which have to be set in 25-metre pools. That changed in striking fashion at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, on Easter Monday, when Jeff Rouse, of Stanhope University, the world record-holder in a long-course pool at 100 metres backstroke, lowered the short-course record by more than a second, to 51.43sec.

England players feel sold short

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

ENGLAND are in danger of losing their best players for the European championship this summer because they cannot afford to play. The £15 a day expense allowance offered by the English Basket Ball Association is forcing many top performers to consider whether it is worth accepting their selection for the national team, which begins its preparations this week for the Additional Nations Tournament in Poland later this month.

"That's the big hold-up," Kevin Cadle, the coach, said yesterday. "The players are looking for something a little bit better."

Already without his most-capped player, Peter Scantlebury, who is getting married, Cadle is also resigned to the unavailability of Colin Irish, who was voted most valuable player of the season before helping Worthing Bears complete the double of Carlsberg League champions and play-off winners.

Karl Brown is the only one of five internationals from Cadle's Guildford club side travelling with the national squad to Iceland tonight for three warm-up internationals, in Keflavik and Reykjavik, over the weekend.

Martin Henlan and Carl Miller face operations, Trevor Gordon is in America and Alton Byrd's prior commitment is his weekly *Jam Session* television show. "He decided that £15 a day was not enough for him to miss out on being the star of his own show," Cadle said.

SQUAD (for Iceland): R Baker (London), M Hubbard, S Nelson, A Cunningham (all Worthing), K Brown (Guildford), K Samuels (Derby), D Harris, C Allen, A Simms (all Birmingham), D Donaldson (Coventry). On stand-by: M Scott (Worthing).

SPORTS LETTERS

Rugby union should follow football's lead

From Mr Roger Phillips

Sir, Your coverage of the Rugby Football Union's working party on illegal payments to players (April 28) reminded me of the efforts the Football Association made to stamp out "shamateurism" in senior amateur football. They finally resolved the problem at the end of 1973-4 by declaring all footballers to be players and abandoning the amateur-professional disinction.

Apart from legalising what had been happening for years, the immediate effect was the dismembering of the England amateur international squad, a rethink about Britain's Olympic entry and the abolition of the FA Amateur Cup.

With the introduction of national cup competitions, leagues, promotion, relgation and the easily quantifiable status of clubs, it was obvious that rugby union would be faced with a similar problem. Unless the RFU can find a way of removing envy, greed and ambition from the human psyche, all they will do is drive the problem further underground and make the practitioners more devious.

To do otherwise, Draconian measures will have to be adopted, empowering the RFU to call in any club's books at 24 hours' notice for scrutiny and employ checkers and spotters at matches and social events.

At the moment, it is very much an honour system which says how much money is raised by raffles, pie sales, club shops, programmes, donations, sponsorship, bar sales, fruit machines, car parking, boot sales, etc, and what percentage of it actually goes through a club's books. That's before we even think of ground admission and accurate "gate" figures — how many clubs have turnstiles with lockable "telltales" which are inspected before and after matches by RFU officials?

On the subject of players moving the length of the country to play and the suspicion of inducements, such as cars, mortgage assistance, non-existent "jobs", to check this adequately would almost amount to an infringement of civil liberties. Players would have to submit to having their private financial affairs scrutinised — pay slips, mortgage details, bank statements, investments, savings accounts, etc. Maybe the Inland Revenue would be interested in investigating suspect cases.

At junior level, what constitutes a breach of the rules? I suggest that free beer, a taxi laid on to and from training and matches, no match fees, free kit and no subscription constitutes just as big an inducement at this level as a sponsored car or a free holiday might at a higher one.

While I applaud the RFU for at least trying to do something, unless they arm themselves with very sharp teeth, they will, I'm afraid, be whistling in the wind. Bearing in mind the need to keep rugby league and rugby union separate, it may be that a lot of wasted energy and heartache would be saved if the RFU followed the twenty-year-old example of the FA and declared all rugby footballers to be players.

Yours faithfully,
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Defensive attitudes

From Mr Terence Connell

Sir, Is it time for football managers and players to review their attitude towards the so-called professional foul?

In Des Walker's case, for England against Holland in the World Cup qualifying match last week, he gave away a penalty which enabled a player, in his own time, to have a clear, full-faced shot at goal from 12 yards away with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Is this really considered preferable to the alternative of not fouling the player and challenging him to score whilst bearing down upon him? All the time the angle of shot is narrowing and the goalkeeper's chances of saving are consequently increasing.

Would not Chris Woods have preferred to take his chances against Overmars's attempted shot than against the penalty?

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE CONNELL,
10 Milk Street, EC2.

Close season must remain

From Mr R. M. Hatcher

Sir, The important question about the abolition of the close season for coarse angling (article, April 29) is whether or not a strictly "scientific" approach casts a wide enough net. Some studies have indeed shown that fishing in the close season has little impact on populations of coarse fish, but to consider that this is all that need be said is to miss the point.

The close season is welcomed by the majority of anglers as a preventative measure which works on several different levels. It is a discipline which has at its heart a respect for the whole of the aquatic environment, as against commercial pressures which put no more value on a fishery than its ability to make money.

Close seasons have evolved over centuries, showing that the danger of over-exploitation is not new. In today's world, this comes not just from angling, but from all the other activities, including recreation, which have a strong adverse impact on the aquatic environment. Angling, with its close seasons, occupies the moral high ground, an inestimable advantage not to be squandered lightly.

Who would benefit from the abolition of the close season? Certainly the anti-angling lobby would be delighted, and destructive interests would encounter less opposition, but the angler? In the long run, I doubt it very much.

Yours faithfully,
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Price handicap

From Mr A. B. Noble

Sir, I read with interest Mr W. F. Bond's letter (April 29) suggesting the deduction of points for high transfer fees and, indeed, I agree; but why stop there?

Awarding a point for the number of seats in a club's stadium would be an ideal way of ensuring compliance with the Taylor Report. Also, deducting a point for every person attending a game would make sure that struggling sides at the bottom of the table would be competing on a par with successful, entertaining sides. After all, it makes little sense that the championship should be decided by who wins the most games.

With these new measures it would soon be unnecessary to have players and that would really make sure that those ridiculous transfer fees become a thing of the past.

Yours faithfully,
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Amberfield,
Shottenden,
Canterbury, Kent.

Not refused

From Mr Paul Sheehan

Sir, Louise Taylor's article (April 26) was inaccurate in one important aspect. Calderdale Council did not refuse planning permission to Halifax Town FC to move to another ground elsewhere in the town. The club has never submitted a planning application and, therefore, the council has not considered the issue.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL SHEEHAN, Director,
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Halifax, West Yorkshire.

Fair to Wales

From Professor D. G. Rhys

Sir, The prospects of Konica League of Wales clubs were discussed in your non-League football review (April 24). Notwithstanding the precise playing standards in the first year of the first all-Wales football league, this is the premier competition in a country which is a member of Uefa and Fifa, the European and world governing bodies.

The term "non-League" in your review properly refers to competitions within England other than the Football League (although, now that there is a separate FA Premier League at the pinnacle of the English game, perhaps the term should have a wider applicability).

The Times has often tried to be fair to Wales, as exemplified in 1843 by its thoughtful analysis of the causes of the Rebecca Riots. Perhaps now in 1993 it can be fair to our first national football league and describe it as such. Whatever description you choose, it most certainly cannot be non-League. In Wales that term refers to the many leagues in the pyramid below the new national competition.

Yours faithfully,
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Stronger stand

From Mr Arthur Smith

Sir, Lord Howell (Sports Letters, April 29) has pointed to one of the major unsportsmanlike activities of modern professional football: the over-enthusiastic celebration of a goalscorer and his teammates. Referees, however, have it in their power to abolish this abuse, but usually they wait patiently until the kissing and hugging have subsided before spotting the ball and resuming play.

It would be the easiest thing in the world for him to resume the game as soon as the opposing side are in position. If the goalscoring side still wishes to continue its celebrations, it will do so while the ball is walked unopposed into its net.

Lord Howell could have mentioned other abuses to which professionals frequently resort: standing in front of the ball to prevent a free kick being taken, stealing yards by placing the ball well forward of a free-kick position or throw-in.

A stronger stand by referees on these negative aspects would make the game a more enjoyable spectacle. Unfortunately, however, no referee can be expected to spot every occasion when an elbow is driven into a cheekbone.

Yours faithfully,
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New Zealand trio lead challenge to Thomson

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

MARY Thomson, riding King William, is aiming to join the elite group of riders that have won the Badminton Horse Trials on successive occasions when the famous three-day event, the main selection trial for the European championships in September, begins today in the grounds of the Duke of Beaufort's Badminton House.

However, Thomson, who has been in superb form with Gill Thomas's ten-year-old gelding in the run-up to Badminton, has a formidable task ahead of her. The field for the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy and £20,000 first prize is the most competitive for years and includes six former winners.

Three of the leading contenders come from New Zealand: Blyth Tait, the world champion, Mark Todd, the dual Olympic champion, and Vicky Latta, a member of their Olympic silver medal-winning team, have five horses between them, each capable of winning. Tait, the Olympic bronze medal-winner, rides



Thomson: defending title

Ricochet and his Burghley runner-up, Delta. Todd, who is determined to record a second Badminton win before he retires, is riding Just an Ace, on which he was fifth in 1991, and Kinvarra, the former Spanish team horse.

"They are as good as any horses I have sat on," Todd said. Latta has Chief, ninth in 1991 and fourth at the Olympic Games.

Though the British line-up is without Ian Stark — he has retired his famous greys, Glenburnie and Murphy Himself, and has not yet found a replacement at this level — there is no shortage of talented partnerships. Virginia Leng, the winner in 1985 and 1989 and second last year, rides the ten-year-old Welton Houdini.

Though not in the same league as her incomparable Master Craftsman, now retired, Houdini has had a brilliant spring season, winning at Poplar Park and Belton. His only mistake last year was at fence No 9, the Fairbanks Drop, where he fell on the slippery ground.

Karen Dixon, who replaced Leng in the Olympic team after Master Craftsman injured himself, has probably her best chance yet of winning, riding the 13-year-old, Get Smart, who finished in the top ten at Badminton from 1989-1991. In Barcelona, they finished sixth, the highest British placing.

Another member of the British team at Barcelona, Richard Walker, has a point to prove this weekend. Walker, who won Badminton at the age of 18 in 1969 — he remains the youngest winner — had a costly fall with Jacana in Barcelona but aims to put the record straight on Saturday. Two other former winners competing are Rodney Powell, with The Fisherman, and Jane Holderness-Roddam, with Balingreen.

Leading the younger riders who could dislodge the top names are the talented brothers, Graham and Lesley Law, and two former outstanding juniors, Kristina Gifford and William Fox-Pitt. Gifford, 22, is riding Song and Dance Man on which she was tenth last year and Smithstown Lad who was fourth at Burghley in September. Fox-Pitt, 24, rides Chaka, one of the class horses in the field, who was first ridden internationally by Judy Herbert and then by Greg Watson, of Australia. Second at Burghley in 1991, the 13-year-old gelding has yet to make his mark at Badminton.

The Australians, the surprise winners of the Olympic team gold medal, have two in-form contenders in David Green, with Duncan, and Andrew Hoy, with Kiwi. The six-strong French squad, led by Marie-Christine Duroy, a veteran of four Olympic Games, is one of the most powerful France have sent to Badminton.

The course that awaits the field on Saturday has easier "alternatives" than in previous years, but a true Badminton-style "quick" route for those making a serious bid for the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy. Only the bravest partnerships will attempt the quick way at the enormous Vicarage Vee and the direct route through the Lake.

Hugh Thomas, the director of the Horse Trials, has taken extra safety measures this week in case there is a repeat of last year's rain-sodden conditions when three horses died on the cross-country. The 30 fences on the course will be roped off just in front of the take-offs so that the ground is not made slippery by spectators walking right up to the jumps.

Lewis on ropes over injury

Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, sees the world champion cover up as rumour sweeps Las Vegas

LENNOX Lewis found himself on the ropes yesterday. It was over rumours about a hand injury. He ducked a barrage of questions from American journalists at his press conference before his daily training at the Mirage Hotel here in Las Vegas.

When asked why he had not sparred for the past ten days, he would only say: "there's a rumour that I have damaged my right hand. Well, you can see on Saturday whether the rumour is true. Don't believe the hype."

With two days to go to the defence of his World Boxing Council heavyweight title against Tony Tucker, of the United States, Lewis might have avoided journalistic scrutiny had he not been exposed by another Lewis, Panama Lewis, Tucker's trainer.

As the training sessions changed over and Tucker's team was vacating the training area for Lewis, Panama, a kind of Rastafarian Pied Piper, with Jim Rats and the rat pack in tow, started shouting: "He has something wrong with his right hand. He has no right hand," which immediately sent journalists scurrying back to Lewis's press conference.

There is little doubt that Lewis damaged his hand in sparring at Hilton Head, South Carolina, where he did his main training for five weeks. It has healed completely. He flew from Hilton Head to New York at the time and saw a specialist who told him to rest it. Since Lewis had done all his serious sparring by the time he came to Las Vegas a ten-day rest should not affect his performance on the night.

Lewis looks in such magnificent shape that the hand should not stand in his way of disposing of the 33-year-old Tucker. "He's so fit it's scary," his trainer, Pepe Correa said. "He's a monster."

Lewis looks a good 10lb heavier than the 228lb he was against Donovan "Razor" Ruddock. But Correa said Lewis was only 3½lbs more. "His body has started to develop with new work habits," Correa said.

Lewis's conditioner, Courtney Shand, put his fitness down to specialised training. "The accent has



Reflecting on success: Lewis contemplates victory as he goes through a skipping routine during training. Photograph: Holly Stein/Allsport

been on increasing concentration and sustaining effort without slowing down and faster recovery."

Lewis, who had the WBC belt handed to him at a dinner when Riddick Bowe was stripped of the title, desperately wants to hold up the belt wearing gloves and trunks, not a dinner jacket, and has spared no pains to get himself in the best shape of his life. Shand has made him so supple that even though a 6ft 5in heavyweight has no gymnastic qualities he can sit in the middle of the ring and touch the floor with his nose.

Correa maintains that Lewis is the best heavyweight in the world and will be the best as long as he wants to be, so long as there is a challenge. "There's enough out there to bring out the best in him," Correa said. "Bowe, Bruno, Alex Garcia, surprisingly even Larry Holmes could make him get up, and of course Tyson. Lennox would knock out Tyson early. Buster Douglas has shown everyone how."

Against such bullish confidence it was difficult to even contemplate anything going seriously wrong on Saturday night because of minor hand trouble.

Confident Edberg eases into third round

STEFAN Edberg, of Sweden, eased into the third round of the German Open in Hamburg yesterday with a confident serve-and-volley display that overcome Marcelo Filippini, of Uruguay, 6-3, 6-3. Already, the tall figure of Boris Becker is looming ahead of him as the German, the man Edberg is seeded to meet in the final, ended his losing streak by beating his countryman, Carl-Uwe Steeb, 6-4, 6-2.

Although a few uncharacteristic volleying errors crept into Edberg's game in the second set and, again uncharacteristically, he struggled to master Filippini's lobs, he never looked under serious pressure. He took the lead in the seventh game.

"I feel good and played a very good match," Edberg said. "I wanted to start early on clay and so far it has paid off. I played very well last week and I've made a good start here.

"I feel good going on the court. I've played a lot of matches, singles and doubles, but if you move the right way, you don't fell tired on clay."

Becker dropped only five points in the first four games to lead 4-0, and he also swept to a 4-0 lead in the second set, overpowering his opponent from the baseline. Typically, he finished the match with an ace.

"It is the first time in seven weeks I've got my timing right," he said afterwards. "I'm very happy how the match went. To play in Germany is an inspiration, not a pressure."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Senna decides to drive in Spain

THE pre-race uncertainty that has accompanied Ayrton Senna's grand prix appearances this season was dispelled unusually early yesterday when McLaren confirmed their leading driver would compete in the Spanish grand prix in Barcelona on Sunday (Oliver Holt writes). The Brazilian three-times world champion took the degree of brinkmanship in his contractual dispute with his team to a high a fortnight ago when he arrived in Imola five minutes before the first morning practice session for the San Marino grand prix was due to begin.

A spokesman for McLaren dismissed as "rubbish" Brazilian newspaper reports suggesting Senna, 33, might be about to join Ferrari, but admitted this season's championship leader was still refusing to commit himself to a long-term contract. It is believed there has been little further progress in the negotiations with Ford aimed at securing the superior engine Senna and McLaren covet from Benetton. But Senna appears to have decided against a repeat of his Imola experience when he spun twice the morning after his debilitating night flight from Brazil.

Tough draw for Hall

BADMINTON: Darren Hall, the English national champion, may have to beat the Olympic bronze medal-winner, Hermawan Susanto, if he is to be in contention for a medal at the world championships, which start on May 31 at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. Hall is seeded to reach the last 16, where he is likely to meet the Indonesian, who caused an upset in Barcelona by beating Zhao Jianhua, the world champion. Zhao is not defending his title and will play only in the mixed doubles. Heryanto Arbi, who won the All-England title at Wembley two months ago, is favourite to succeed the Chinese left-hander. Should Hall reach the quarter-finals, Arbi is likely to be his opponent.

Modern approach

MODERN PENTATHLON: In response to the growing appeal of triathlons, a British proposal to convert modern pentathlon into a one-day final of elite athletes is likely to be approved by the world governing body in August. If passed, it will be put into effect at the world championships, for men and women, in Sheffield next year. Under the new format, fields of 96 men and 96 women (compared to the present 66) will compete in four tetrathlon pools (minus riding), with the leading 32 qualifying for a one-day, five-discipline final, two days later. Team events will take the form of relays between the leading 12 nations. Once established, the format could be used ideally for the Olympic Games.

Delgado secures points

TENNIS: Jamie Delgado, the outstanding British junior player, yesterday ensured his first world ranking points on the senior tour after a first-round victory in the LTA satellite tournament at the Royal Berkshire Club, Bracknell. Delgado, 16, from Berkshire, who reached the semi-finals of the Australian Open junior championship, beat Lee Sabin, of Dorset, 6-3, 6-4 to qualify for the Masters events next week. In the women's first round, Julie Salmon, of Sussex, beat the No 5 seed, Colette Hall, from Dorset, and now plays Lorna Woodroffe, the Surrey player, who put out last week's quarter-finalist, Pam Piorkowski, from the United States, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

Griffiths leads R and A

GOLF: Lord Griffiths, the former president of MCC, is to be the next captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club. Hugh Griffiths was awarded the Military Cross while serving in the Welsh Guards in 1944, and went to Cambridge after the war and won blues in both golf and cricket. He then had a distinguished law career and became a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and a Privy Councillor. He joined the Royal and Ancient in 1981 and is also a member of Sunningdale and the Isle of Wight club, Shanklin and Sandown. He will be the first person to have been both president of MCC and captain of the R and A.

No decision on Ngugi

ATHLETICS: The Kenya Amateur Athletics Association (KAAA) has deferred a decision on whether John Ngugi, the five-times world cross-country champion, was justified in refusing a random dope test, deciding that discussions would be held with the sports ministry before a decision would be released. Ngugi declined the test in February and the International Amateur Athletic Association suspended him indefinitely, pending an enquiry by the KAAA.

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WORD-WATCHING

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BINDLE

(b) A bundle containing clothes and possessions, especially a bedding-roll carried by a tramp, 1900-. Probably an alteration of *bundle*, but cf. Scottish *bindle* a cord or rope that binds something. John Steinbeck: "George unslung his bindle and dropped it gently on the bank." 1937.

MANKY

(a) Also *mankey*. British slang for bad, inferior, defective, dirty. From the obsolete adjective *mank*, defective (from Old French *manc, manque*, from the Latin *mancus* maimed) + -y, perhaps influenced by French *manqué*.

TAFFIA

(c) Also *Tafia*. Jocular for any supposed network of prominent or influential Welsh people, especially one that is strongly nationalistic. A blend of the noun *Taffy* and *Mafia*. Tim Heald: "I heard murmurings from the London Welsh network (otherwise known as the Taffia) on the subject of Sir Geoffrey's repudiation of true Welshness."

CROAKER

(b) Noun, now mainly US, a doctor, especially a prison doctor. 1859-. From *croak* verb, perhaps with ironic reference to the sense "kill", + -*er*, cf. also obsolete slang *crocus* a quack doctor, perhaps from the Latinised surname of Dr Helkiah Crooke, a 17th-century surgeon. "The most he needed was some bicarbonate of soda and a physic, not a croaker."

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SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Black queen is pinned and so 1 Re2! wins material e.g. 1 ... Qxd4 2 Rxe8+.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.20 Dokkha Oyston. 2.50 Milbank Challenger. 3.20 Personal Hazard. 3.50 Parkside Lady. 4.20 Murray's Mazda. 4.50 The Where Withal.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.20 Bright Paragon.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M. HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 BUTTERMERE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,758: 5f 207yd) (17 runners)

1 -021 DOKKHA OYSTON 6 (CD,6,S) J Berry 5-8-6 ..... G Carter 11
2 40-0 RELATED 3 (D,F,S) P Haslam 4-9-5 ..... Dale Gibson 6
3 0-34 METAL BOYS 3 (C,BF,F,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-4 ..... S Parks 10
4 00-0 AYR RAIDER 10 (V,D,F,S) Miss L Perratt 6-9-2 ..... G Duffield 14
5 PRAIRIE DAWN K White 4-8-11 ..... A Garth (5) 2
6 40-0 OBSIDIAN GREY 10 B McMahon 6-8-10 ..... S Sanders (7) 7
7 -200 SUMMER EXPRESS 61 (D) J Spearing 4-8-10 C Hawksley (7) 16
8 1203 STARDUST EXPRESS 49 (D,BF) M Johnston 3-8-9 ..... Dean McKeown 13
9 -544 MAJOR TRIUMPH 10 (B) G Bravery 3-8-6 ..... N Day 15
10 0-66 CORONA GOLD 9 Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-5 ..... S Morris 3
11 0-51 DEAD CALM 9 (V,D,S) C Tinkler 3-8-5 ..... M Birch 9
12 00-0 RAWDONG 17 (F) J Haldane 4-8-5 ..... L Charnock 4
13 310- GUV'NORS GIFT 194 (D,F,S) M Tompkins 3-8-2 S Mulvey (7) 12
14 05-3 SPENMAX 9 W Turner 3-7-13 ..... P McCabe (7) 5
15 00 ALBERT 9 C Thornton 3-7-12 ..... J Lowe 8
16 44-3 BRIGHT GEM 22 (D,G) T Fairhurst 3-7-12 ..... J Fanning 1
17 6014 FORMAESTRE 17 (G) S Norton 3-7-12 ..... Claire Balding (7) 17

11-2 Related, 13-2 Metal Boys, Gavton's Gift, 7-1 Dokkha Oyston, Spenmax, 15-2 Dead Calm, Formaestre, Major Triumph, 10-1 Stardust Express, Bright Gem, 14-1 others

2.50 ENNERDALE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,623: 5f 207yd) (7)

1 -060 BADENOCH BURNER 9 N Tinkler 9-0 ..... Kim Tinkler 1
2 00-5 BROOKLANDS EXPRESS 22 J Bethell 9-0 ..... D Wilkinson 3
3 355- CANNY LAD 236 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 ..... Dean McKeown 4
4 -324 MILBANK CHALLENGER 12 (V) M H Easterby 9-0 ..... M Birch 6
5 0600 NOBLE MEASURE 22 (B) S Bowring 9-0 ..... G Strange (7) 2
6 -222 KELLY'S FILLY 17 J Berry 8-9 ..... G Carter 7
7 5030 MAGICATION 17 J Balding 8-9 ..... Claire Balding (7) 5

2-1 Milbank Challenger, 5-2 Canny Lad, 4-1 Brooklands Express, 9-2 Kelly's Filly, 6-1 Magication, 20-1 Badenoch Burner, 50-1 Noble Measure

3.20 BASSENTHWAITE HANDICAP
(£3,915: 7f 214yd) (14)

1 0-20 PERSONAL HAZARD 15 (V,BF,F) M H Easterby 4-9-11 M Birch 7
2 050- AMERICAN HERO 182 (CD,F) R Allan 5-9-7 ..... S Parks 4
3 43-0 KING'S GUEST 10 (D,S) G Moore 4-9-6 ..... D Nicholls 3
4 100- NEITHER NOR 198 (S) D Wilson 4-9-5 ..... D McCabe (7) 14
5 1130 STOPROVERITATE 10 (C,D,S) S Norton 4-9-3 N Connorton 12
6 -523 MARTINI EXECUTIVE 16 (B,D,F) B Wilkinson 5-9-3 ..... S D Williams (3) 6
7 351- HAZD ON HEART 240 (C,D,F,S) P Monteith 4-9-3 ..... D Pearn (5) 11
8 5-00 STRAW THATCH 13 (C,S) R Allan 4-9-0 ..... S Webster 1
9 0-05 HABETA 30 (D,F,S) J Watts 7-9-0 ..... G Duffield 2
10 104- BOLD MELODY 241 (D,F,S) P Haslam 4-8-11 ..... Dale Gibson 10
11 60-0 ROUTINE 13 (D,F) M Hammond 5-8-11 ..... Dean McKeown 13
12 240- GOOD FOR THE ROSES 157 (D,G,S) M McCormack 7-8-4 ..... G Carter 8
13 000- SLY PROSPECT 223J (F) K Wells 5-8-3 ..... L Charnock 5
14 400- VENTURE FOURTH 213 E Alston 4-8-1 ..... J Fanning 9

6-1 Habeta, 13-2 Stopoveritate, 7-1 Martini Executive, 8-1 Straw Thatch, Bold Melody, Personal Hazard, 9-1 King's Guest, 10-1 American Hero, 12-1 Neither Nor, Hand On Heart, 14-1 Good For The Roses, Routine, 25-1 others.

3.50 WASTWATER SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,448: 5f) (13)

1 06 CHEEKY CHAPPY 5 D Chapman 8-11 ..... D Nicholls 7
2 EASY FOR ME C Thornton 8-11 ..... J Fanning 5
3 01 PARKSIDE LADY 20 (B,D,S) M H Easterby 8-11 ..... M Birch 8
4 40 ROCKY TWO 9 B McMahon 8-11 ..... S Sanders (7) 3
5 BROOKHEAD LADY P Evans 8-6 ..... N Connorton 1
6 0 CRY OF THE DOLPHIN 34 P Haslam 8-6 ..... Dale Gibson 4
7 00 DUCHESS DAISY 10 (S) N Tinkler 8-6 ..... Kim Tinkler 2
8 3200 HILL FARM KATIE 9 P Evans 8-6 ..... G Duffield 11
9 6 MONKEY MONEY 24 J Berry 8-6 ..... G Carter 9
10 35 PARADISE NEWS 38 G Bravery 8-6 ..... N Day 10
11 WALWORTH LADY M Dods 8-6 ..... S Webster 13
12 04 WILKS DREAM 10 W Turner 8-6 ..... P McCabe (7) 6
13 35 XAMDIVAD 24 S Norton 8-6 ..... M Wood 12

5-2 Paradise News, 3-1 Parkside Lady, 6-1 Xamdivad, 7-1 Easy For Me, Monkey Money, 10-1 Hill Farm Katie, 14-1 Brookhead Lady, Walworth Lady, Cry Of The Dolphin, Wilks Dream, 20-1 others.

4.20 CRUMMOCK WATER APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£3,080: 5f) (11)

1 500- MY ABBEY 255 (D,F) E Alston 4-8-11 ..... S Knott (7) 8
2 0-10 MURRAY'S MAZDA 20 (BF,F,S) J Berry 4-9-10 ..... S Giles 1
3 030- LOFT BOY 211 (D,F,S,S) J Bethell 10-9-8 ..... K Sked (7) 10
4 3221 STRIP CARTOON 13 (B,C,D,S) S Bowring 5-9-5 G Strange (5) 3
5 -050 KHALLOOF 17 (B,S) Denys Smith 4-8-11 ..... C Teague (5) 5
6 6050 KALAR 21 (B,D) D Chapman 4-8-9 ..... Claire Balding (3) 8
7 4055 BRIGHT PARAGON 10 (D,S) H Collingridge 4-8-9 C Hawksley 11
8 30-5 SOBERING THOUGHTS 5 (D) J Berry 7-7-13 ..... M Humphries 9
9 0-03 CRAIL HARBOUR 13 (CD,S) P Haslam 7-7-11 ..... G Forster 4
10 6006 GRUBBY 31 R Hollinshead 4-7-10 ..... A Garth 7
11 -000 BARBEDEUX 9 (D,F,S) D Wilson 6-7-7 ..... D McCabe 2

-11-4 Murray's Mazda, 9-2 Bright Paragon, 11-2 Strip Cartoon, 8-1 Crail Harbour, 12-1 Loft Boy, Sobering Thoughts, 14-1 My Abbey, 16-1 others

4.50 LOWESWATER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,002: 1m 4f) (7)

1 10-0 KISS IN THE DARK 29 (F) Mrs M Rowley 9-7 Dean McKeown 2
2 0-42 BUGLET 10 G Bravery 9-5 ..... N Day 5
3 0-61 THE WHERE WITHAL 17 (S) M Prescott 9-4 ..... G Duffield 3
4 00-4 WEAVER GEORGE 17 N Chamberlain 8-7 ..... Dale Gibson 4
5 3-53 CHALLENGER ROW 13 C Thornton 8-7 ..... N Connorton 1
6 6006- CARNEA 220 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-6 ..... L Charnock 7
7 00-0 DORMSTON BOYO 107 J Spearing 7-13 ..... C Hawksley (7) 6

5-4 Buglet, 7-2 The Where Withal, 4-1 Kiss In The Dark, 8-1 Weaver George, Challenger Row, 12-1 Carnea, 14-1 Dormston Boyo.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; M Tompkins, 11 from 38, 28.9%; M Johnston, 9 from 38, 23.7%; M Prescott, 9 from 39, 23.1%; J Watts, 7 from 32, 21.9%; J Berry, 22 from 102, 21.6%.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 18 winners from 95 rides, 18.9%; Dean McKeown, 22 from 117, 18.8%; D Nicholls, 10 from 60, 16.7%; S Parks, 5 from 37, 16.2%; M Birch, 11 from 91, 12.1%; Kim Tinkler, 5 from 50, 10.0%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Brighton: 2.30 Zili, 3.00 Munday Dean. 3.30 Cashell. Carlisle: 3.50 Parkside Lady.

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER

5.45 Roger's Pal. 6.15 Barcham. 6.45 Tammy's Friend. 7.15 Lady Token. 7.45 Mickeen. 8.15 Celtic Breeze.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

5.45 BASS MITCHELLS AND BUTLERS NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,752: 2m) (11 runners)

1 0004 NORTINO 14 (S) J Charlton 5-11-3 ..... B Storey
2 0054 ARTIC WINGS 34 D Brennan 5-11-1 ..... M Brennan
3 -00P AARDVARK 22F N Tinkler 7-11-0 ..... G McCourt
4 P3PV BADGERS GIFT 713 (V) A Balley 7-11-0 ..... Mr G Hammer
5 B CARRINGTONS HILL 55 Miss S Wilson 4-10-12 ..... N Doyles
6 /P-05 STAR THYME 47 J Mackie 6-10-12 ..... R Williamson
7 1832 ROGER'S PAL 45 (BF,S) A Moore 6-10-11 ..... G Moore
8 3304 SHAYNA MAIDEL 26 J Bridger 4-10-10 ..... A Jones
9 04P0 TINA'S GAME 24 A Stringer 5-10-9 ..... R Dunwoody
10 -PPP LLACCA PRINCESS 85 M Eckley 5-10-6 ..... A O'Hagan
11 6003 LADY RANDOLPH 44 (V) I Campbell 4-10-4 ..... R Campbell

7-4 Roger's Pal, 3-1 Shayna Maidel, 5-1 Nortino, 7-1 Aardvark, 8-1 Artic Wings, 10-1 Lady Randolph, 14-1 Tina's Game, 16-1 Carringtons Hill, 20-1 Star Thyme, 33-1 Badgers Gift, Llacca Princess.

6.15 STONES BEST BITTER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,899: 2m) (11)

1 5033 EARLY BREEZE 9 (D,F) Mrs M McCourt 7-11-10 ..... G McCourt
2 -510 SIBERIAN BREEZE 8F (B,D,F) J Glover 5-11-10 S D Williams (3)
3 0034 PRESENT TIMES 28 (D,F,S,S) A Moore 7-11-9 ..... G Moore
4 P000 STYLISH GENT 38 (B,D,F,S) J Bickle 6-11-4 ..... A Jones
5 5240 INTO THE FUTURE 38 (B,D,F,S) A Stringer 6-11-1 R Dunwoody
6 3P00 JUBILATA 105 M Weston 5-11-0 ..... C Dennis (3)
7 2411 BARCHAM 9 (D,S) R Pritchard-Gordon 6-11-0 P Smith Eccles (7)
8 0003 PRIME MOVER 28 (V) D Barchell 5-10-13 ..... D J Barchell
9 6P53 COOL SOCIETY 5 (B) W Marston 4-10-12 ..... D Murphy
10 0/P- POLYWOOS 607 R Thompson 7-10-0 ..... D Skyrme
11 PP-4 ROGEVIC BELLE 5 (V) M Eckley 5-10-0 ..... C Llewellyn

11-10 Barcham, 5-1 Cool Society, 6-1 Early Breeze, Siberian Breeze, 8-1 Into The Future, Present Times, 10-1 Prime Mover, 12-1 others.

6.45 CARLING BLACK LABEL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,159: 2m 5f) (10)

1 312F WOODY WILL 18 (F) D Sherwood 7-11-10 ..... J Osborne
2 P363 FIGHTING DAYS 3 (D,D,F) A Moore 7-11-6 ..... G Moore
3 34P2 OVER THE STYX 5 G Richards 5-11-3 ..... M Maloney
4 4-0F UNPAID MEMBER 12 (F) J Wharton 5-11-1 ..... B Dalton (7)
5 -315 TAMMY'S FRIEND 16 (S) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-10 ..... Mr Pitman
6 P SERDARLI 120 M Pyan 11-10-10 ..... J Ryan
7 -500 OH SO BOLD 13 J Bradley 6-10-10 ..... R Farrant (5)
8 /P STAR BLEND 21 Mrs L Jewett 11-10-10 ..... J White
9 /P THE YOKEL 24 J Mackie 7-10-10 ..... N Williamson
10 655- NOREUL ALDA 365 (S) E Buckley 8-10-10 ..... H Davies

15-8 Fighting Days, 5-2 Tammy's Friend, 4-1 Over The Styx, 5-1 Unpaid Member, 6-1 Woody Will, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 39 winners from 114 runners, 33.3%; T Forster, 11 from 35, 31.4%; P Dalton, 5 from 16, 31.3%; D Sherwood, 10 from 44, 22.7%; J Glover, 4 from 19, 21.1%; N Tinkler, 5 from 25, 20.0%. JOCKEYS: Jacqui Oliver, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; J Osborne, 16 from 79, 20.3%; G McCourt, 19 from 94, 20.2%; N Mann, 7 from 35, 20.0%; R Dunwoody, 19 from 101, 18.8%; N Williamson, 12 from 64, 18.8%.

7.15 DRAUGHT BASS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,718: 3m 2f) (5)

1 5P10 THE LEGGETT 8 (D,F,G,S) M Pipe 10-11-10 ..... R Dunwoody
2 2261 MY SKIWAY 8 (F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-10-9 ..... T Eley (5)
3 3402 SOONER STILL 6 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Edwards 9-10-7 N Williamson
4 3044 ARCTIC TEAL 16 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Sherwood 9-10-1 ..... J Osborne
5 -416 LADY TOKEN 12 (F,G) H Gill 9-10-0 ..... R Beggan

7-4 My Skiway, 2-1 The Leggett, 4-1 Arctic Teal, 5-1 Sooner Still, 10-1 Lady Token.

7.45 TENNENTS EXTRA NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,826: 2m 6f 110yd) (12)

1 40P1 MICKEEN 19 (D,F,G) Micc H Knight 6-11-7 ..... J Osborne
2 ARMED FORCE 660F F Gay 6-11-0 ..... M Crosse
3 3363 GARSTON LA GAFFE 36 M Brotherton 8-11-0 ..... G Bradley
4 GLEN MOSELLE B Cambidge 7-11-0 ..... Mr J Cambidge
5 0-0B PEARLY FLIGHT 14 R Eckley 6-11-0 ..... H Davies
6 0PPP SHIREDAK'S FLYER 24 D Edmunds 5-11-0 ..... R Davis (5)
7 /3 SPIRITUALIST 12 Mrs G Plowright 7-11-0 ..... A Mulholland
8 0555 ATTYRE 12 J Dalton 6-10-9 ..... Mr T Jenks (5)
9 0-54 CELTIC RHYME 6 P Dalton 6-10-9 ..... N Mann
10 P JUMP N FLY 13 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-9 ..... J White
11 4633 ALTERNATION 19 J Webber 4-10-3 ..... R Bellamy
12 4300 KASSI 45 J Webber 4-10-3 ..... R Beggan

13-8 Mickeen, 3-1 Alternation, 5-1 Garston La Gaffe, 6-1 Kassi, 8-1 Celtic Rhyme, 10-1 Attyre, 12-1 Spiritualist, 16-1 others.

8.15 WORTHINGTON BEST BITTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,333: 3m 110yd) (18)

1 4600 PREMIER PRINCESS 15 (F,G) G Harn 7-11-10 ..... R Davis (5)
2 2105 MIDLAND LAD 15 (D,F,S) J Eyre 8-11-9 ..... A Mulholland
3 30-1 BOREEN JEAN 231 (CD,F,G,S) K Bridgwater 9-11-7 D Bridgwater
4 0305 JUBALOW 36 (F,G,S) R Brazington 10-11-1 ..... R Beggan
5 3043 KINGSTON COOMBE 13 (G,S) Y Forster 7-11-0 ..... C Llewellyn
6 312F CELTIC BREEZE 26 (V,D,BF,G,S) M Naughton 10-11-0 ..... Dennis
7 2640 THARSIS 6 (D,G) W Smith 8-10-9 ..... S Taylor (7)
8 4641 KNIGHTS 6 (G) C Broad 7-10-9 (6ex) ..... Jacqui Oliver
9 4543 RIDWAN 23 (B) K Morgan 6-10-6 ..... A Smith
10 FP4F WESTWELL BOY 23 (G) P Beaumont 7-10-5 ..... T Reed
11 3U55 POLLERTON'S PRIDE 19 (G,S) W Clay 6-10-1 ..... Diane Clay
12 6040 KINO 12 (B,D,S) S Sherwood 6-10-0 ..... J Osborne
13 14-P CARDGROVE 47 (F) E Buckley 10-10-0 ..... H Davies
14 0426 POP ABROAD 28 P Bevan 8-10-0 ..... T Wall
15 5UP5 ANOTHER CORNER 9 (F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-10-0 ..... T Eley (5)
16 0300 MUNS JEWEL 29 (C,F,S) J Bradley 7-10-0 ..... R Farrant (5)
17 0029 LOCHERRIE 71 (V,BF,S) B Baugh 9-10-0 ..... Gary Lyons
18 FP3P SPRINGVALE CRUSADE 3 (S) L Codd 10-10-0 ..... J Kavanagh

4-1 Boreen Jean, 5-1 Ridwan, 11-2 Knights, 6-1 Celtic Breeze, 8-1 Pollerton's Pride, 10-1 Jinzalloo, Knighton Combe. 12-1 others

Maguire at Auteuil

ADRIAN Maguire makes a rare sortie to Auteuil today to ride Dee Ell for Irish trainer Arthur Moore in the £47,790 Prix Leon Rambaud Hurdle, over an extended two-and-a-half miles.

Dee Ell's last run was at Auteuil on April 1 when he finished second, beaten three lengths by Royal Chance, who he meets again today on 11lb better terms. The one they all have to beat however is the Francois Doumen trained Ubu III (Adam Kondrat).

Carson fined £1,200 for easing Bashayer

By Julian Muscat

WILLIE Carson was fined £1,200 by the York stewards yesterday after they found the jockey had prematurely eased up on Bashayer, 2-1 favourite for the Cheshire Oaks.

Carson's antics allowed Abury to catch his mount just inches from the winning post for a narrow and hollow victory.

An ashen-faced Carson left the course immediately after hearing the verdict, which was only £100 less than the maximum penalty.

Clearly he felt aggrieved at the decision, although video evidence illustrated that he did put down his whip some five strides before the line, only to get to work again on Bashayer in the last two strides.

In imposing such a harsh fine, the stewards took into account that Bashayer started a warm favourite for what was an important race. Carson's experience also militated against a more lenient sentence.

If Nashwan has given Carson some of his finest moments in racing, then Bashayer, Nashwan's half-sister, has undoubtedly provided him with one of his worst. He will be well aware the rules stipulate that he must ride his mount out to the line, although in truth it was Abury's tremendous late flourish that precipitated his downfall.

The three punters who backed Bashayer with £2,000 each will not have felt much sympathy for the unfortunate Scot.

As he unsaddled Bashayer, Carson insisted he had not been guilty of any misjudgment. "She was stopping," he told owner Shaikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum's racing manager, Angus Gold. "I was trying to hold her together rather than use the whip on her."

Bashayer's connections had another reason to feel aggrieved. Shaikh Hamden's Shadwell Stud sponsored this Oaks trial and stud manager Bobby Dolbey looked more than a shade perplexed as he presented the winning trophy to Abury's owner, Robert Sangster.

Carson's comments did nothing to suggest Bashayer might make amends in the Oaks itself, for which Corals surely overreacted in cutting the filly to 8-1 from double those odds.

"She's a mile-and-a-quarter filly" he said. "Otherwise I will have to sit and suffer rather than let her use her stride."

Abury's trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, accepted he had been fortunate to collect the prize. "Willie did drop his hands but my filly hated this ground. It can't be soft enough for her," he explained.

Chapple-Hyam told Sangster before this three-day fixture that Abury was his nap, but only if the rains arrived.

He rates this Law Society filly more highly than Oakmead, who tackles the Oaks Trial at Lingfield on Saturday.

Abury herself is not certain to go to Epsom. She did not act around the turns here and her jockey, John Reid, reported it was only in the last ten strides that he thought his mount had any chance. "I wouldn't have thought she has the class for a race like the Oaks," was Sangster's reaction.

Sueboog, 5-1 favourite for the Oaks with Ladbrokes and Corals, worked well at Newmarket yesterday in preparation for the Musidora Stakes.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BENEFICIAL
(2.40 Chester)
Next best: Zinaad
(3.40 Chester)

BARRY GREENWOOD



Coasting home: Rodeo Star and Nicky Carlisle, centre, enjoy a comfortable success in the Chester Cup yesterday

Rodeo Star adds to rider's woe

WILLIE Carson's day of woe continued in the Ladbroke Chester Cup when Rodeo Star, the horse he almost rode, coasted home in the feature race (Richard Evans writes).

Nigel Tinkler, trainer of the dual purpose seven-year-old, said: "I originally asked Willie to ride but we were not sure if the weights would go up and as he could not do 7st 7lb, I booked Nicky Carlisle on Sunday."

Carson's misfortune did not end there. As the marathon handicap entered its final stages, Carson, on Balasani, and Carlisle, on Rodeo Star, wanted to go for a gap before making their challenge.

"Just before we turned for home, Willie and I had a slight disagreement about a gap, but my horse was going the better," Carlisle said.

As Welshman, the long-time leader, tired and came away from the rail, Rodeo Star accelerated through the gap and went on to win by a comfortable two lengths from the fast-finishing Jack Button.

Carlisle was confident of victory after partnering Rodeo Star in an impressive racecourse gallop around the Roodeye on Sunday morning. "I would not have changed my mind for anything."

The valuable success was something of a bonus for the three owners, Dave Douglas, Joe Henderson and John Bradbury, who paid 26,000 guineas for Rodeo Star after his four-year-old career with John Gosden.

"He was going novice chasing this year, but we decided to wait until next season because this year's novices were so good," Tinkler added.

Osborne linked with Henderson

By Julian Muscat

THE expected changes in riding arrangements for next season's National Hunt campaign were completed when Martin Pipe confirmed that Richard Dunwoody would ride for him on the same day David Nicholson announced he had secured the services of up-and-coming young Irishman Adrian Maguire.

Dunwoody's new job severs his links with Nicholson, who had shared Dunwoody's loyalties with Nicky Henderson. It is now Henderson who will have to consider attracting a stable jockey for the 1993-94 season.

To the front of Henderson's mind will almost certainly be the names of Irish champion Charlie Swan and Jamie Osborne.

The stylish Osborne rode Travado to victory for Henderson in the Arkle Chase at the Cheltenham festival after Dunwoody had been claimed to ride Wonder Man. Osborne also partnered the Lambourn trainer's Remittance Man to win last year's Champion Chase.

Swan has ridden the odd horse for Henderson this season, but his dominance of the Irish jumps scene is such that only a lucrative offer is likely to tempt him. Osborne, for his part, is retained by Oliver Sherwood and has other arrangements with Henrietta Knight, Charles Egerton and Simon Sherwood.

He has also ridden Docklands Express for Kim Bailey this season. "I've seen the reports in the papers linking me with Nicky Henderson, but I don't know anything about it," Osborne said yesterday.

Dunwoody reflected with fondness on his time at the Nicholson camp. "I've had seven smashing seasons there and it's been a happy time. The governor, the staff, the horses and the owners have been a pleasure to work with," he said.

"Mr Pipe has made it clear that I may continue with as many of my outside contacts as possible, and together with his help, it would be nice to crack the 200 [winners in a season] one day," Dunwoody added.

The post as Pipe's stable jockey arose when Peter Scudamore announced his retirement from the saddle last month. Of Scudamore's replacement, Pipe said: "He is a highly intelligent man who will be bringing some new ideas and new thoughts. We're all very excited."

Maguire's alliance with Nicholson bodes well for his chances of becoming champion one day. The two to hold the post before him were Scudamore and Dunwoody, the champion and champion-elect.

CHESTER

THUNDERER

2.10 Singular Sensation. 2.40 Beneficial. 3.10 Inherent Magic. 3.40 Zinaad. 4.10 **SILKY SIREN (nap).** 4.40 Mad Militant.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 JADE PET.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 **BENEFICIAL** (nap). 3.40 Allegan.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up. U — unseated rider B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified) Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F 122YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 EBF SCEPTRE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £4,792: 5f 16yd) (5 runners)

101 (3) 2 BELLA PARKES 40 (BF) (J Hefer) J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 92
102 (4) 2 INDIAHRA 22 (P Lawlor) R Hollinshead 8-11 ... K Darley 92
103 (1) 2 JADE PET 13 (G Greenwood) R Hannon 8-11 ... Pat Eddery [illegible]
104 (5) 2 SINGULAR SENSATION 10 (C Cowley) B Hills 8-11 ... D Holland 84
105 (2) 2 STIMULANT 21 (BF) (Lord Derby) J Watts 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 85

BETTING: 7-4 Jade Pet, 9-4 Singular Sensation, 7-2 Bella Parkes, 4-1 Indiahra, 11-2 Stimulant.

1992: HOLLY GOLIGHTLY 8-11 M Roberts (10-11 fav) R Hannon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BELLA PARKES ¾l 2nd to Tutu Sixtysix in Warwick (5f, firm) maiden. INDIAHRA 1½l 2nd of 11 to Pommes Frites in Newmarket (5f, good) maiden. JADE PET nk 2nd to Rohita in Sandown (5f, good to firm) maiden. SINGULAR SENSATION 2½l 2nd to Antonias Folly in Windsor (5f, good to soft) maiden. STIMULANT sh-hd 2nd to Lambent in Ripon (5f, soft) maiden.
Selection: INDIAHRA

2.40 180th YEAR OF THE DEE STAKES — C4
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £24,790: 1m 2f 75yd) (6 runners)

201 (5) 5214- DESERT SECRET 194 (S) (Maktoum Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-3 ... W R Swinburn 96
202 (1) 2016-11 NEWTON'S LAW 19 (D,F,G,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-1 ... Pat Eddery 95
203 (6) 310-4 BLUES TRAVELLER 19 (S) (W Said) B Hills 8-13 ... D Holland 93
204 (2) 6-1 PREMIER LEAGUE 12 (D,G) (Miss P Rovera) J Banks 8-13 ... J Quinn 80
205 (4) 211-12 BENEFICIAL 19 (F,G) (Exors of Sir Robin McAlpine) G Wragg 8-10 ... M Hills [illegible]
206 (3) 216-2 FRET 13 (G) (F Salman) P Cole 8-10 ... A Munro 98

BETTING: 5-2 Beneficial, 3-1 Desert Secret, 4-1 Fret, Newton's Law, 5-1 Blues Traveller, 8-1 Premier League.

1992: MY MEMOIRS 9-2 J Reid (10-1) R Hannon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DESERT SECRET 11l 4th to Armiger in group I Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster (1m, good). Previously beat Geisway ½l in group II Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m, soft). NEWTON'S LAW beat Blue Judge sh-hd in 6-runner Newbury (1m 3f, good) stakes race. PREMIER LEAGUE beat Conspicuous 3l in 19-runner Leicester (1m 2f, good) maiden. BENEFICIAL nk 2nd of 6 to Colway Rock in Thirsk (1m, good) Classic Trial with BLUES TRAVELLER (3lb worse off) 3½l 4th. FRET 1l 2nd to Port Lucaya at Sandown (1m, good to firm).
Selection: BENEFICIAL

3.10 GRAHAMS MACHINERY SALES RATED HANDICAP — C4
(£7,508: 5f 16yd) (9 runners)

301 (9) 30100-0 BIT OF A LARK 5 (D,F,S) (R Macon) R Hollinshead 5-9-7 ... Pat Eddery 92
302 (6) 26000-3 STACK ROCK 13 (D,F,G,S) (Castle Racing) E Alston 6-9-1 ... K Fallon 95
303 (8) 601502- CRYSTAL JACK 198 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B Facchino) F Lee 5-8-11 ... B Raymond [illegible]
304 (7) 11060-0 FINJAN 7 (D,F) (Mrs R Olivier) Martyn Wane 6-8-9 ... A Munro 93
305 (2) 00030-4 PLAIN FACT 20 (D,F,G,S) (C Wright) J Hills 8-8-8 ... D Holland 95
306 (4) 305304- NEVER IN THE RED 211 (V,D,F,G) (R Aird) J Berry 5-8-7 ... J Carroll 95
307 (3) 31046-2 INHERENT MAGIC 20 (D,G) (Mrs S J Stowold) M McCormack 4-8-7 ... M Roberts 95
308 (5) 10000-0 PETRACO 13 (D,G,S) (B Hampson) L Codd 5-8-7 ... K Darley 87
309 (1) 060-334 EVER SO LONELY 16 (CD,F,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 4-8-7 ... D Wright (7) 88

Long handicap: Never In The Red 8-5, Inherent Magic 8-4, Petraco 7-10, Ever So Lonely 6-7.

BETTING: 11-4 Inherent Magic, 7-2 Stack Rock, 4-1 Crystal Jack, 5-1 Plain Fact, 8-1 Bit Of A Lark, 10-1 others.

1992: LOVE LEGEND 7-9-2 A Munro (7-1) D Arbuthnot 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIT OF A LARK beat Castoris a neck in 18-runner Haydock (5f, good to soft) handicap in August. STACK ROCK 6l 3rd of 4 to Branston Abby in Carlisle (5f, heavy) stakes race. CRYSTAL JACK hd 2nd to Nordan Raider (6f, good to soft) handicap here. NEVER IN THE RED 3¾l 4th to Bunty Boo handicap (5f, good to soft) York. INHERENT MAGIC 2l 2nd of 6 to Olifantsfontein in Newbury (5f, good) handicap with PLAIN FACT (1lb worse off) 5¾l 4th. EVER SO LONELY faced stiff task when 7½l last of 4 to Crime OftheCentury in Folkestone (5f, good) stakes race.
Selection: CRYSTAL JACK

3.40 ORMONDE EBF STAKES — C4
(Group 3: £30,981: 1m 5f 89yd) (5 runners)

401 (5) 3/314/6 JUSTICE 8 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 5-9-2 ... A Munro 74
402 (2) 1530-16 SHAMBO 19 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 6-9-2 ... M Roberts 90
403 (7) 1/13-1 ZINAAD 6 (F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-2 ... W R Swinburn [illegible]
404 (4) 11216-1 ALLEGAN 17 (G,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 4-8-11 ... Pat Eddery 95
405 (3) 611116- FURTHER FLIGHT 194 (C,F,G,S) (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 7-8-11 ... M Hills 98

BETTING: 8-11 Zinaad, 5-2 Allegan, 9-2 Further Flight, 5-1 Shambo, 10-1 Justice.

1992: SADDLERS' HALL 4-9-2 Pat Eddery (4-11 fav) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

JUSTICE 27l last of 6 to Roll A Dollar in group III Insulpak Stakes at Ascot (2m 45yd, good). SHAMBO 9¾l 6th of 7 to Liapac West in group III John Porter Stakes at Newbury (1m 4f, good). ZINAAD beat Apple Tree neck in group II Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). ALLEGAN beat Castle Courageous 3½l in 5-runner Nottingham (1m 6f, good) stakes race. FURTHER FLIGHT beat Supreme Choice 5l in 4-runner group III Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket (2m, good to soft).
Selection: FURTHER FLIGHT

4.10 WYNN HANDICAP (£7,356: 7f 122yd) (10 runners) — C4

501 (8) 21060-0 BIG BLUE 17 (G) (Mrs C Miller) C Brittain 4-9-10 ... M Roberts 91
502 (4) 30560-0 BOURSIN 19 (D,F,G) (K MacPherson) P Calver 4-9-3 ... J Fortune 89
503 (6) 20-4302 TYRIAN PURPLE 17 (D,F,S) (T O'Flaherty) T Naughton 5-8-9 ... D Holland 93
504 (1) 60-1213 SILKY SIREN 28 (B,BF,F) (S Nixon) M Pipe 4-8-8 ... Pat Eddery 90
505 (5) 0-01302 CEE-JAY-AY 5 (CD,F,S) (R Jinks) J Berry 6-8-5 ... J Carroll [illegible]
506 (3) 0-46430 VELOCE 61 (D,F) (M Gonzalez) A Bailey 5-8-0 ... F Norton 92
507 (7) 115-400 DAM CERTAIN 38 (D) (Mrs L Denson) A Denson 4-7-12 ... D Harrison (3) 87
508 (10) 1500P-0 ROCK SONG 10 (D,F) (S France) J Mackie 4-7-11 ... J Quinn 84
509 (9) 6545-02 LOMBARD SHIPS 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Mitchell) A Bailey 6-7-9 ... A Mackay 94
510 (2) 0282-20 MUMMYS ROCKET 16 (Widnes Racing Partners) A Bailey 4-7-7 ... D Wright (7) 90

Long handicap: Mummys Rocket 7-6.

BETTING: 3-1 Cee-Jay-Ay, 4-1 Tyrian Purple, 5-1 Silky Siren, 13-2 Big Blue, 8-1 Lombard Ships, 10-1 others.

1992: MIZAAYA 3-9-3 Pat Eddery (5-2 fav) M Stoute 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

TYRIAN PURPLE hd 2nd to Millsolin in Brighton (7f, good) handicap with BIG BLUE 6½l 8th. CEE-JAY-AY 1½l 2nd to Forever Diamonds in Thirsk (1m, good) handicap. VELOCE 3l 3rd to Dautre Femme in Southwell (AW, 6f) handicap. LOMBARD SHIPS nk 2nd to Claudia Miss in Carlisle (7f, heavy) claimer. MUMMYS ROCKET 2l 2nd to Sweet Mignonette handicap (1m, good) Leicester; SILKY SIREN (1lb better off) sh-hd 3rd.
Selection: TYRIAN PURPLE

4.40 EATON HANDICAP (£7,148: 1m 4f 66yd) (9 runners)

601 (4) 3045-55 MAD MILITANT 24 (CD,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 4-9-10 ... W R Swinburn 89
602 (6) 23120-0 WASSL THIS THEN 12 (S) (Mrs J Carter) D Arbuthnot 4-9-7 ... R Price 80
603 (8) 115100- ROSE GLEN 198 (CD,F,G,S) (D Furlong) A Bailey 7-8-13 ... A Mackay 80
604 (9) 356-013 PHILGUN 7 (F,S) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 4-8-12 ... S Maloney (3) 85
605 (2) 3034/66 FANATICAL 9 (D,F) (Dockhaven Stud) R Baker 7-7-12 ... A Munro 80
606 (7) 306300 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 9 (D,F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 6-7-10 ... J Lowe 88
607 (5) 00500-0 DON'T FORGET MARIE 12 (N Harper) R Hannon 3-7-8 ... D Biggs 80
608 (3) 0465-10 ENFANT DU PARADIS 9 (BF,G) (P Taylor) P Evans 5-7-7 ... J Quinn 82
609 (1) 220202 KILLICK 2 (Esprit de Corps Racing) A Bailey 5-7-7 ... D Wright (7) [illegible]

Long handicap: Killick 7-6.

BETTING: 11-4 Philgun, 7-2 Mad Militant, 4-1 Eire Leath-Sceal, 9-2 Wassl This Then, 6-1 Enfant Du Paradis, 8-1 Rose Glen, 12-1 others.

1992: MATADOR 5-9-4 Pat Eddery (7-2) R Charlton 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAD MILITANT 4¾l 5th of 8 to Tasoda in Newcastle (1m 2f, good) handicap penultimate start. ROSE GLEN beat Muizenberg head in course and distance handicap (good). PHILGUN 8½l 3rd to Shamsom Al Arab in Hamilton (1m 4f, soft) handicap. EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 6l 7th of 20 to Kinoko in Nottingham (1m 6f, good to soft) handicap with ENFANT DU PARADIS ½l 8th. ENFANT DU PARADIS beat Mizyan 1l in 17-runner Nottingham (1m 6f, good) handicap. KILLICK ½l 2nd to Rose Alto in handicap here (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm).
Selection: KILLICK (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	10	30	33.3	O Wright	3	8	37.5
B Hills	20	66	30.3	Pat Eddery	23	73	31.5
M McCormack	3	10	30.0	D Holland	9	42	21.4
M Stoute	12	44	27.3	M Roberts	14	75	18.7
R Hannon	8	36	22.2	A Munro	13	79	16.5
F Lee	8	43	18.6	W R Swinburn	11	70	15.7

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

CHESTER
C4

2.40: Chester is one of Geoff Wragg's favourite hunting grounds and **Beneficial** can maintain the trainer's fine record here. The improving half-brother to Jeune is ridden by Michael Hills (29 per cent strike rate on Wragg runners) and he looks sure to appreciate this longer trip following a good second in the Thirsk Classic Trial. Newton's Law is the danger.

3.10: Crystal Jack reserves his best for this course but is badly drawn. The well-handicapped Never In The Red has an obvious chance despite not winning since 1990, but this tricky sprint can go to **Inherent Magic**, who ran a cracker on her seasonal debut at Newbury three weeks ago.

3.40: Michael Stoute is at his best in May, and boasts a fine strike rate here in condition races (11 winners from 19 runners during the past five years). His **Zinaad** can follow up the stable success of Saddler's Hall last year after putting up his best performance to win the group two Jockey Club Stakes last Friday.

4.10: Tyrian Purple loves tight courses and fast ground and this front-runner should be at home here following a good second at Brighton. Jack Berry has rejuvenated Cee-Jay-Ay but he tends to get behind and may be denied a clear run. At his best, the poorly drawn Big Blue would have a chance, but he is inconsistent.

RICHARD EVANS

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Bid For Blue. 2.30 Daily Sport Don. 3.00 Admirals Secret. 3.30 Canopus. 4.00 Amethystine. 4.30 Royal Interval.

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 EBF ST ANN'S WELLS MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,3187: 5f 59yd) (11 runners)

1 0 ABLEST SON 12 M Bell 9-0 ... M Fenton (5) 5
2 0 BID FOR BLUE 20 R Hannon 9-0 ... L Piggott 3
3 CLASSICAL DON J Jenkins 9-0 ... S Whitworth 7
4 35 KENNET BOY 20 P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 11
5 0 SON OF HADEER 33 P Howling 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 4
SUPER SYMPHONIC M Tompkins 9-0 ... P Robinson 9
7 0 THE SPIVE 12 J Bridger 9-0 ... G Bardwell 10
8 50 HOLLINGTON SONG 13 B Meehan 8-9 ... W Newnes 2
9 HUMMINGBIRDPRINCESS A Moore 8-9 ... N Adams 1
10 00 JUST GREENWICH 9 T Mills 8-9 ... J Reid 8
11 3 SOUTHDOWN GIRL 28 P Butler 8-9 ... R Cochrane 6

2-1 Kennet Boy, 5-2 Bid For Blue, 4-1 Hollington Song, 5-1 Southdown Girl, 8-1 Ablest Son, 10-1 Super Symphonic, 12-1 Hummingbirdprincess, 14-1 Son Of Hadeer, 16-1 others.

2.30 HOLLINGBURY CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,243: 6f 209yd) (13)

1 10-5 ZILR 7 (B) P Cole 9-7 ... C Rutter 8
2 0-10 DAILY SPORT DON 9 (D,S) R Hannon 9-5 ... D Gibbs (7) 11
3 2133 PIRATES GOLD 83 J White 8-13 ... P Robinson 9
4 MR JAZZ DANCER D Wintle 8-9 ... J Williams 1
5 3-03 CALISAR 7 (G) W Turner 8-7 ... T Sprake 7
6 KUTAN R Simpson 8-7 ... A Tucker (3) 12
7 000- FANFOLD 264 R Akehurst 8-4 ... T Quinn 5
8 0-22 HY WILMA 9 (G) R Hodges 8-4 ... W Carson 10
9 040- PATONG BEACH 159 J Hills 8-4 ... R Hills 3
10 0- RACHELLY 314 R Akehurst 8-4 ... R Perham 6
11 00-0 AMBIVALENTATTITUDE 9 D Jermy 8-3 ... N Adams 4
12 0-65 KRAYYAN DAWN 18 R Voorspuy 8-3 ... S Dawson 13
13 INTERVIEW T Jones 8-2 ... T Williams 2

9-4 Hy Wilma, 3-1 Daily Sport Don, 4-1 Pirates Gold, 6-1 Patong Beach, 8-1 Calisar, 10-1 Zilr, 12-1 Krayyan Dawn, 16-1 Fanfold, 20-1 Rachelly, Mr Jazz Dancer, 25-1 others.

3.00 JIM TAYLOR MEMORIAL HANDICAP
(£3,054: 1m 3f 196yd) (13)

1 0225 DEBACLE 63 (G) G Harwood 4-10-0 ... W Carson 1
2 -254 ADMIRALS SECRET 16 C Wall 4-9-9 ... K Rutter (5) 7
3 3-00 ALDAIRAWAAN 12 J Sutcliffe 4-9-7 ... B Rouse 11
4 10-0 SIMPLY 16 (D,S) F O'Mahony 4-9-4 ... T G McLaughlin (7) 13
5 000- MUNDAY DEAN 45J (B,D,G) R O'Sullivan 5-8-11 ... J Reid 2
6 00-6 SCENIC DANCER 24 (V,C,D,F,G) A Hide 5-8-7 ... W Woods 9
7 1514 ATLANTIC WAY 28 (CD,BF,F,S) C Hill 5-8-6 ... N Adams 8
8 3000 AQUADO 12 N Callaghan 4-8-3 ... N Carlisle 10
9 00-6 FULL QUIVER 24 (V,D,F) Mrs B Waring 8-8-1 ... G Bardwell 6
10 220- ROCQUAINE BAY 218 (D,F) M Bolton 6-7-12 ... C Rutter 5
11 -003 THIN RED LINE 16 (V,C,F,G) J Jenkins 9-7-10 ... B Doyle (5) 12
12 /51-0 GILBERT'S GIRL 24 (D) C Hill 6-7-7 ... N Kennedy (3) 3
13 6450 DR ZEVA 35 (CD,F) M Dixon 7-7-7 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 4

3-1 Atlantic Way, 4-1 Admirals Secret, 6-1 Debacle, Thin Red Line, 8-1 Aldairawaan, Gilbert's Girl, 10-1 Full Quiver, Scenic Dancer, 12-1 Dr Zeva, 14-1 Simply, 16-1 Aquado, 20-1 Munday Dean, 25-1 Rocquaine Bay

3.30 VARDEAN MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,552: 1m 1f 209yd) (14)

1 26 ALYDUNCAN 23 G Harwood 9-0 ... M Perrett 7
2 55- CANOPUS 201 W Jarvis 9-0 ... J Reid 1
3 CAPTAIN'S GUEST G Harwood 9-0 ... R Hills 4
4 00-5 DOOGAREY 63 J White 9-0 ... J Williams 3
5 MONSIGNOR PAT H Cecil 9-0 ... W Ryan 9
6 66- OLIVADI 253 L Cumani 9-0 ... R Cochrane 13
7 322- ONE OFF THE RAIL 185 A Moore 9-0 ... B Rouse 14
8 425- PERSIANSKY 198 B Hanbury 9-0 ... N Carlisle 11
9 005- SIDE BAR 199 M Ryan 9-0 ... P Robinson 8
10 60 TASSET 7 P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 6
11 02-4 CASHELL 28 (V) M Stoute 8-9 ... W Carson 2
12 50-5 EXHIBIT AIR 37 R Hannon 8-9 ... L Piggott 10
13 600- JAFETICA 245 D Laing 8-9 ... T Williams 5
14 00- RISKY ROSIE 344 R Voorspuy 8-9 ... S Dawson 12

7-4 Cashell, 3-1 Monsignor Pat, 5-1 Canopus, 6-1 Exhibit Air, 10-1 Alyduncan, Persiansky, 12-1 One Off The Rail, Side Bar, 14-1 Captain's Guest, Tasset, 25-1 others.

4.00 CORN EXCHANGE HANDICAP
(£3,080: 6f 209yd) (13)

1 46-0 ROCA MURADA 12 (D,G) M Ryan 4-10-0 ... P Robinson 1
2 4034 AMETHYSTINE 17 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 7-10-6 ... W Carson 8
3 25-1 QUINTA ROYALE 15 (D,F,S) W Turner 6-9-12 ... Paul Eddery 9
4 400- CHARMED KNAVE 196 (CD,F,G) D Laing 8-9-3 ... N Gwilliams (5) 8
5 004- FIVEOFIVE 187 (F,C) N Callaghan 3-9-5 ... W Newnes 11
6 5150 TYRONE FLYER 15 (G,D) Miss Gay Kelleway 4-9-5 ... J Weaver (3) 4
7 00-0 FLYING WIND 23 (B) G Moore 4-9-3 ... B Rouse 13
8 1-60 DUTY SERGEANT 17 (CD,F,G) M Muggeridge 4-9-2 ... J Williams 6
9 0-60 ANATROCCOLO 10 (C,D,F) R Bennett 6-8-11 ... J Reid 2
10 0/60- OSGATHORPE 794 (D,G) M Usher 6-8-10 ... N Adams 7
11 600- HOLD FAST 44J (D,G) C Nash 5-8-9 ... T Williams 12
12 5-45 DANCING SENSATION 44J (D,F) F Akehurst 6-8-5 ... T Quinn 3
13 040- CHUMMY'S IDEA 212 J Sutcliffe 3-8-3 ... R Hills 10

7-2 Quinta Royale, 4-1 Amethystine, 6-1 Dancing Sensation, Duty Sergeant, 8-1 Charmed Knave, Tyrone Flyer, 10-1 Chummy's Idea, Fiveofive, 12-1 Roca Murada, 20-1 Flying Wind, 25-1 Anatroccolo, Osgathorpe, 33-1 Hold Fast

4.30 COLDEAN MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£3,183: 5f 213yd) (13)

1 4-23 ROYAL INTERVAL 16 (BF) W Turner 3-9-10 ... T Sprake 6
2 00-0 ANDY JACK 7 J Bennett 4-9-6 ... W Newnes 12
3 /405 LOON 17 (B) R O'Sullivan 5-9-4 ... J Weaver (3) 4
4 0-45 CLEAR LOOK 19 (BF) P Cole 3-9-2 ... T Quinn 7
5 0300 BLYTON STAR 3 K Burke 5-8-13 ... T Williams 13
6 0-50 TEXAS COWGIRL 12 G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-12 ... B Doyle (5) 11
7 504- SAKHAROV 169 M Jarvis 4-8-10 ... P Robinson 5
8 5-25 WELL BOUGHT 24 C Lines 4-8-8 ... W Carson 8
9 054- MARWELL MITZI 138 W Wightman 3-8-7 ... G Bardwell 1
10 06-5 KARIOCA 125 B Meehan 3-8-6 ... A McGlone 2
11 00-0 CHEREN BOY 40 B Forsey 4-8-3 ... N Adams 9
12 0-65 CASTLE MAID 3 R Hodges 6-8-1 ... N Carlisle 10
13 00-0 CLEAN GATE 24 (B) P Condell 4-7-13 ... E Johnson 3

4-1 Texas Cowgirl, 5-1 Royal Interval, 6-1 Clear Look, Marwell Mitzi, 8-1 Karioca, Castle Maid, 10-1 Well Bought, 12-1 Loon, Sakharov, 14-1 Blyton Star, 16-1 Andy Jack, 25-1 Cheren Boy

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 22 winners from 43 runners, 51.2%; G Harwood, 18 from 56, 32.1%; M Bell, 6 from 21, 28.6%; H Cecil, 4 from 15, 26.7%; J White, 7 from 28, 25.0%; M Ryan, 12 from 52, 23.1%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%; W Carson, 46 from 173, 26.6%; R Hills, 7 from 31, 22.6%; R Cochrane, 22 from 122, 18.0%; T Quinn, 33 from 191, 17.3%; J Reid, 28 from 174, 16.1%.

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6.00 Valseur. 6.30 Stated Case. 7.00 Flight Hill. 7.30 OK Corral. 8.00 Scottish Reform. 8.30 Kilminfoyle.

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6.00 JOHN WADE GROUP OF COMPANIES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE SERIES FINAL
(£3,720: 2m 5f 110yd) (13 runners)

1 0346 MR RENER 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Wade 5-12-0 ... D Ryan (7)
2 3256 DANCING DAYS 8 (B,CD,G) J Parkes 7-11-5 ... N Smith
3 3536 REEF LARK 38 (BF,C,F,S) D McCune 8-11-3 ... K Johnson
4 1115 VALSEUR 8 (CD,F,B,S) L Lungo 4-11-3 ... F Perratt (7)
5 0253 TEMPORALE 8 (F,G,S) K Burke 7-11-2 ... R Supple
6 12F6 TOUCH 'N' PASS 30 (CD,F) R O'Leary 5-10-11 ... P Harley
7 0U02 ONE FOR THE CHIEF 51 R Whitaker 5-10-11 ... C Grant
8 5241 HUNMANBY GAP 8 (B,CD,G) P Beaumont 8-10-11 (5ex) ... C Hawkins
9 -356 MIDNIGHT FLOTILLA 6 Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-10-7 ... F Leahy (7)
10 P521 CASA BELLA 24 (S) B Richmond 8-10-5 ... A Webb
11 2422 STRONG FANCY 6 (B,G) S Kettlewell 10-10-3 ... R Garritty
12 0412 STATION EXPRESS 24 (C,F,G) B Ellison 5-10-2 ... A Orkney
13 6604 AUGUST 6 (C,F) J Fort 12-10-0 ... P Waggott (5)

11-2 Valseur, 6-1 Hunmanby Gap, 13-2 Temporale, 8-1 One For The Chief, 10-1 Touch 'n' Pass, Midnight Flotilla, Casa Bella, Strong Fancy, 12-1 others.

6.30 SOLMERE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,807: 3m 3f 110yd) (9)

1 -313 MONARU 45 (C,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-12-0 ... Mr M Buckley (5)
2 6111 STATED CASE 26 (B,CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-11-6 ... L Wyer
3 2064 ROSE TABLEAU 15 (F,S) J J O'Neill 10-11-3 ... A Dobbin (3)
4 4233 FESTIVAL FANCY 26 (G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-2 ... P Niven
5 4263 GYMCRAK GAMBLE 13 (F) T Dyer 5-10-3 ... P Harley
6 4305 PERRY WELL 3 (B,G) K Bailey 9-10-0 ... S McNeill
7 3200 JUSTICE LEA 41 (C,F) T Cuthbert 13-10-0 ... Carol Cuthbert (7)
8 P632 RING CORBITTS 13 D Eddy 5-10-0 ... D Byrne
9 0446 CAREFREE TIMES 12 (B) J Norton 6-10-0 ... W Fry (7)

5-2 Stated Case, 3-1 Festival Fancy, 5-1 Monaru, Gymcrak Gamble, 8-1 Ring Corbitts, 10-1 Rose Tableau, 12-1 Perry Well, 14-1 others.

7.00 DUDLEY DUKES ANTIQUE FAIR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,562: 2m 5f) (6)

1 F001 FLIGHT HILL 6 (CD,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-12-5 (5ex) ... P Niven
2 55P3 LAURIE-O 6 (C,F,G,S) R Lamb 9-11-4 ... A Merrigan
3 2228 TRES AMIGOS 12 (C,F,S) J Johnson 6-10-11 ... A Lamach (3)
4 33P2 BEN TIRRAN 6 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Lamyman 9-10-3 ... D Telfer
5 4P03 SOLAR CLOUD 9 (D,F,G,S) M Charles 11-10-0 ... Jody Davies (7)
6 0PP4 CALMATA 6 Lady Ann Bowlby 12-10-0 ... G Harker

6-4 Flight Hill, 2-1 Tres Amigos, 5-1 Laurie-O, 6-1 Ben Tirran, 10-1 Solar Cloud, 25-1 Calmata

7.30 NORTHEAST PRESS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,820: 3m 3f) (7)

1 6131 OK CORRAL 26 (B,F,G,S) J White 6-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 15P4 SILVER HELLO 58 (F,G) Miss L Perratt 7-11-3 ... C Grant
3 5612 CAROUSEL CALYPSO 57 (BF,G,S) M Hammond 7-11-1 ... P Niven
4 3338 BOW HANDY MAN 58 (C,G,S) Denys Smith 11-10-9 ... P Waggott (5)
5 2232 CHOCTAW 30 (C,F,G,S) P Beaumont 9-10-8 ... C Hawkins
6 416U MISTER MOODY 15 (CD,F,S) J Johnson 8-10-7 ... A Orkney
7 0-4P SANTELLA BOBKES 38 (G,S) M Barnes 8-10-3 ... A Dobbin (3)

2-1 OK Corral, 7-2 Carousel Calypso, 5-1 Choctaw, 6-1 Silver Hello, Bow Handy Man, 8-1 Mister Moody, 14-1 Santella Bobkes.

8.00 JOHN N DUNN CENTENARY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,604: 2m 1f) (9)

1 -F51U SCOTTISH REFORM 19 (S) J O'Neill 6-11-10 ... A Dobbin (3)
2 6333 SILVER HAZE 20 (D,F,S) J Wade 9-11-6 ... K Jones
3 U012 SAFETY 72 (B,BF,F) J White 6-11-4 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 3412 KAMART 12 (BF,F) M Barnes 5-10-12 ... P Waggott (5)
5 FU0P ANTHONY BELL 30 T Carr 7-10-11 ... A Orkney
6 /0050 GODUNOV 6 (V,G) T Fairhurst 10-10-11 ... J Callaghan
7 -62F LINGHAM MAGIC 30 J Siders 8-10-11 ... Mr S Swiers
8 004P STRONG SILVER 15 (B) R Johnson 8-10-11 ... K Johnson
9 650F KILDONAN 12 B Rothwell 6-10-11 ... M Hourigan (3)

9-4 Kamart, 5-2 Scottish Reform, 4-1 Silver Haze, 11-2 Safety, 8-1 Lingham Magic, 25-1 others.

8.30 FAMILY EVENING NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,057: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1 0 BUSHTUCKER 45 Miss S Turner 5-11-0 ... K Johnson
2 600 KILMINFOYLE 47 Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0 ... P Niven
3 4 MINGUS 7F R Fisher 6-11-0 ... C Grant
4 6F40 WAYWARD EDWARD 38 (B) Mrs S Lamyman 7-11-0 ... D Telfer
5 /0-P CARN MAIRG 15 J Jefferson 6-10-9 ... R Garritty
6 /F5/U CAWSTON BAY 12 J Norton 8-10-9 ... W Fry (7)

11-10 Mingus, 5-2 Kilminfoyle, 8-1 Wayward Edward, 10-1 Carn Mairg, 12-1 Cawston Bay, 20-1 Bushtucker.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 24 winners from 70 runners, 34.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 54 from 198, 27.3%; M H Easterby, 26 from 99, 26.3%; L Lungo, 5 from 19, 26.3%; S Kettlewell, 6 from 26, 23.1%; J J O'Neill, 12 from 56, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: F Leahy, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; P Niven, 57 from 232, 24.6%; D Ryan, 4 from 18, 22.2%; L Wyer, 25 from 113, 22.1%; C Grant, 47 from 226, 20.8%; D Byrne, 13 from 65, 20.0%.

☐ Ken Cunningham-Brown yesterday was considering legal action against Neil Graham, a fellow trainer, after being cleared of a non-trier allegation. Graham asked the Jockey Club to investigate the running of Cunningham-Brown's Modesto at Lingfield on April 3. Modesto beat Graham's Gold Blade from 16lb out of the handicap, having been unplaced on five previous outings. The Jockey Club said yesterday there had been no breach of the rules.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Chester

Going: good to firm

2.10 (7f 2yd) 1, ARJUZAH (W Carson, 5-4 fav); 2, Croire (M Hills, 10-1); 3, Dittisham (Pat Eddery, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Red Cotton (6th), 13-2 Landrail (5th), 14 Cherhill (4th). 6 ran. ½l, 3l, 1½l, ¾l, 7l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £3.50. DF: £12.20. CSF: £11.77. 1min 25.62sec.

2.40 (1m 4f 66yd) 1, LEAGUE LEADER (W R Swinburn, 11-2); 2, Key To My Heart (Dean McKeown, 17-2); 3, Collier Bay (W Carson, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Blue Grotto, 6 Moorish (4th), 17-2 Dee Raft, 11 Lamu Lady (6th), 20 Spring Flyer (5th). 8 ran. Nk, 1l, 3l, 2l, 6l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £6.90; £2.10, £1.90, £1.40. DF: £53.80. Trio: £35.90. CSF: £44.48. Tricast: £111.33. 2min 38.41sec.

3.10 (1m 3f 79yd) 1, ABURY (J Reid, 9-2); 2, Bashayer (W Carson, 2-1 fav); 3, Magical Retreat (D Biggs, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Woodwardia (4th), 13-2 Shamisen (6th), 7 Reine de Neige (5th). 6 ran. Hd, 3½l, 2l, sh hd, 12l. P Chapple-Hyam at Marlborough. Tote: £5.60; £2.60, £1.70. DF: £6.20. CSF: £12.87. 2min 25.21sec.

3.40 (2m 2f 117yd) 1, RODEO STAR (N Carlisle, 9-1); 2, Jack Button (N Day, 12-1); 3, Welshman (J Quinn, 10-1); 4, Balasani (W Carson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7-1 jt-fav Dime Bag, Bardolph (6th), 15-2 Robingo (5th), 9 Native Mission, 12 Our Aisling, 14 Star Player, Mizyan, 16 Good Hand, Bold Resolution, 20 Top Spin, 25 French Ivy, 33 Aude La Belle, 100 Administer, 200 Hunting Ground. 18 ran. NR: Quick Ransom, Sillars Stalker. 2l, 2l, 1½l, sh hd, 3l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £13.20; £3.30, £3.70, £2.00, £2.70. DF: £114.30. Trio: £1,014.30. CSF: £105.92. Tricast: £1,018.17. 4min 2.51sec.

4.10 (5f 16yd) 1, ELLE SHAPED (M Roberts, 6-1); 2, Lucky Parkes (J Carroll, 5-2); 3, Aradanza (Pat Eddery, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Mistertopogigo (4th), 5 Paston Lady (5th). 5 ran. 3½l, 4l, 2½l, sh hd. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £7.30; £2.30, £1.50. DF: £7.90. CSF: £19.29. 59.94sec.

4.40 (5f 16yd) 1, REDOUBTABLE (Pat Eddery, 10-11 fav); 2, Palacegate Jack (J Carroll, 9-4); 3, Baskerville (A Munro, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Dinot (4th). 4 ran. NR: Snake Plissken. 5l, 3l, 8l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.20. 1min 1.22sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,632.97 carried forward to Chester today).

Placepot: £213.10.

Salisbury

Going: firm

2.30 (5f) 1, Bellsabanging (T Williams, 9-4 fav); 2, Breakfast Boogie (4-1); 3, Superlativemaximus (16-1). 11 ran. 2l, 7l. D Laing. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.70, £3.10. DF: £5.10. CSF: £10.74. 59.40sec (course record).

3.00 (6f) 1, Fourforfun (A Whelan, 33-1); 2, Jaazim (14-1); 3, Aroom (5-1). Corn Circle ... ran ... sh hd. R Hannon. Tote ...

£66.80; £8.60, £4.00, £3.00. DF: £653.90. CSF: £434.83.

3.30 (1m) 1, Trippiano (W Ryan, 100-30); 2, Barboukh (10-11 fav); 3, Burnt Imp (9-1). 6 ran. NR: Show Faith. 1½l, 7l. H Cecil. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £2.80. CSF: £6.51. 1min 41sec.

4.00 (1m 6f) 1, Requested (M Perrett, 5-1); 2, Secret Society (5-1); 3, Horizon (16-1). Dom Wac 3-1 fav. 9 ran. 8l, ½l. R Akehurst. Tote: £5.40; £1.90, £1.40, £2.20. DF: £9.10. CSF: £26.27. Tricast: £302.18. Flag start

4.30 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Major Yaasi (B Raymond, 5-1); 2, Bay Queen (10-1); 3, Pistol River (12-1). Ecu de France 4-1 fav. 14 ran. Hd, 2½l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £6.50; £1.70, £3.70, £4.50. DF: £39.10. CSF: £52.18. Tricast: £526.49.

5.00 (1m 4f) 1, Master Charlie (W Newnes, 7-2); 2, Yahmi (5-2 fav); 3, Anchor Stone (5-1). 14 ran. 3l, 8l. I Balding. Tote: £2.60; £1.20, £1.70, £2.70. DF: £4.70. CSF: £13.53. 2min 32.35sec (course record). After stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £158.20.

Edinburgh

Going: good

2.20 (1m 16yd) 1, Brown's (Stephen Davies, 1-6 fav); 2, Running (7-1); 3, Sudden Spin (10-1). 6 ran. 10l, ¾l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £1.40. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.59.

2.50 (1m 16yd) 1, Malcesine (J Fortune, 20-1); 2, Invertiel (10-1); 3, Diamond Inthe Dark (8-1); 4, Chantry Bellini (3-1 fav). 16 ran. ¾l, 3¾l. J Wilson. Tote: £6.50; £3.00, £5.60, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £99.60. CSF: £196.43. Tricast: £1,596.04.

3.20 (7f 15yd) 1, Al Moulouki (R Cochrane, 5-1); 2, Tawafij (7-1); 3, Miss Hostess (25-1). The Dandy Don 5-2 fav. 10 ran. 3l, 1½l. J Payne. Tote: £9.00; £1.10, £2.50, £11.40. DF: £19.00. CSF: £39.29. Tricast: £746.11.

3.50 (1m 4f 31yd) 1, Princess Evita (J Fanning, 5-1); 2, Post Impressionist (17-2); 3, Young George (4-1). Gold Surprise 7-2 ... NR: Tronchetto. ...

R Guest. Tote: £7.70; £1.70, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £50.40. CSF: £49.04. Tricast: £179.99.

4.20 (1m 4f 31yd) 1, Rosie's Gold (M Tebbutt, 25-1); 2, My Harvinski (15-8); 3, Santa Stella (16-1). Commanche Creek 4-6 fav. 7 ran. Sh hd, 4l. D Morris. Tote: £49.80; £7.30, £1.40. DF: £18.00. CSF: £72.65.

4.50 (5f) 1, Don't Be Koi (G Duffield, 5-1); 2, Don Pepe (5-2); 3, Mr Rough (2-1 fav). 8 ran. 2l, 2½l. M Johnston. Tote: £9.10; £1.30, £1.90, £1.00. DF: £6.80. CSF: £17.85.

5.20 (5f) 1, Just Bob (J Fortune, 5-1); 2, Ewald (9-4 fav); 3, Local Heroine (9-2). 10 ran. Sh hd, sh hd. S Kettlewell. Tote: £9.30; £5.30, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £12.30. CSF: £16.82. Tricast: £51.59. After a stewards' enquiry, Langtonian, second past the post, was disqualified and placed fourth.

Placepot: £276.30.

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm, firm in places

5.25 (2m 5f ch) 1, Lady Llantair (Mrs P Nash, 10-1); 2, Carrickmines (14-1); 3, Cape Cottage (9-2). Synderborough Lad 3-1 fav. 20 ran. 3l, 5l. W Oakes. Tote: £15.30; £3.60, £6.50, £2.40. DF: £227.40. CSF: £132.71.

6.00 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Beach Grove (Mr M Felton, 8-1); 2, My Mellow Man (20-21 fav); 3, Frome Boy (16-1). 11 ran. 8l, dist. Miss C Gordon. Tote: £8.30; £1.80, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £5.20. CSF: £15.23.

6.35 1, Double Silk (1-3 fav); 2, Knockumshin (7-2); 3, Crock-na-nee (14-1).

Wetherby

Going: good to firm, firm in places

5.50 (2m ch) 1, Sonsie Mo (P Williams, 6-1); 2, Van Prince (3-1 fav); 3, Island Jetsetter (8-1). 10 ran. 4l, 2½l. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £5.90; £1.30, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £21.80. CSF: £22.88. Tricast: £132.04.

6.25 (2m hdle) 1, Any Dream Would Do (C Hawkins, 9-1); 2, Little Nod (2-1); 3, Inan (7-1). Newton Point 6-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Bramblebery, Bellevue. 1l, 1½l, 5l. P Beaumont. Tote: £8.10; £2.20, £1.50. DF: £9.80. CSF: £25.05.

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Raymond proved right

BRUCE Raymond disobeyed his instructions from James Fanshawe when he rode Major Yaasi in the Fosters Handicap at Salisbury yesterday, but as the jockey's decision resulted in victory, Fanshawe was happy enough.

"The idea was to drop him in, but when he was so sloppy at the start Bruce decided that he ought to learn a thing or two and he has ended up having a good education," said Fanshawe, after Major Yaasi had beaten Bay Queen a head.

The winner, whose dam is a half-sister to Rainbow Quest, is one of six horses Fanshawe trains for Mohamed Suhail from Dubai and the first of that sextet to have struck this year.

Dozy old thing provides steady hand

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN ST JOHN'S, ANTIGUA

HEAVY overnight and morning rain kept the tourists under cover and the teams off the field here yesterday. There was no cricket before lunch in the third Test match between West Indies and Pakistan. A draw had already become the most likely result, once Pakistan had avoided the follow-on on Tuesday, and this loss of play made it even more so. When, 40 minutes into the afternoon, the match restarted West Indies made a comfortable start to their second innings, being 14 for no wicket after four overs.

The West Indies' first-innings lead was limited in the end to 112, a ninth-wicket stand of 96 between Inzamam and Nadim providing Pakistan with an unexpected bonus. Of the 18 centuries now made for Pakistan against West Indies, Inzamam's 123 was the twelfth in the Caribbean. Until this innings, his best efforts for Pakistan had been in one-day internationals, notably last year's World Cup. His 12 Test innings have brought him a mere 173 runs.

But such is his ability that he has always looked a class player, even when he has not been making runs. The impression he gives is of being a good deal less volatile than his average compatriot, and of depending less than most Indian and Pakistani batsmen on eye and instinct and more on a game plan and a carefully cultivated technique.

He may look a dozy old thing, and he does tend to be rather too stately between the wickets; but the catches he takes at slip tell of quick reactions, as does the fact that he seldom bats in a helmet. For years to come, Inzamam should be a stabilising influence in Pakistan cricket.

In the 12 years since Antigua staged its first Test match, it has created an atmosphere and an ambience all of its own. As soon as play stops, whether it is for an interval, or for drinks, or at the fall of a wicket, all inhibitions are cast aside, the cacophony is deafening, everyone gets in on the act.

Whereas Barbados once had the temerity to take on the Rest of the World in Bridgetown, though not to beat them, Antigua has superseded it as the most productive of the little islands. West Indies' past two captains, Vivian Richards and Richie Richardson, and two of their great bowlers, Andy Roberts and Curtly Ambrose, all four of them Antiguans, have lit a beacon on the map.

But wherever cricket is played in the West Indies, there is always the chance of rain, and on the Recreation Ground here yesterday the old pitches were strips of mud when play was due to start. By the time nature had dried them out, the day had been reduced to 47 overs.

Athletes acknowledge key role played by families in quest for success

Parents, the forgotten sponsors of top athletes



John Goodbody hears a chorus of approval for those who give their children sporting support

Families are the forgotten sponsors of British sport. They provide not only the financial, physical and psychological support for competitors and players, often to the detriment of their own interests and careers, but sometimes even coaching to international level.

At a dinner in London to celebrate the career of Sebastian Coe, the 800 metres world record-holder and twice an Olympic gold medal-winner at 1,500 metres, he paid tribute to the help both he and other athletes had received from their parents.

"People kept on asking what was the system that we had in British athletics to produce a golden era in the 1980s," Coe said.

"There were many reasons, but the one continuum through the stories of the successful athletes has been the support of the family. It is something that has been grossly underestimated."

Coe was coached by his father, Peter; Margaret Whitbread, the national event coach for the javelin, guided her adopted daughter, Fatima, to the world title; Steve



Fairbrother: support

Ovett received tremendous initial support from his mother, and later from his wife. What Coe termed the "outrageous talent" of Daley Thompson received encouragement from his aunt. Allan Wells had the knowledgeable help of his wife, Margot.

It is often the parents that are particularly important because most leading competitors develop their ability in their youth. As Coe pointed out, they not only identify talent but also give "hard financial support", sometimes throughout a career.

The psychological backing of the family also allowed Coe to survive nearly two years of criticism when he was ill in 1982 and 1983. "There was a very identifiable pressure from the media. It was a great help to have a close family and their support meant that I could come back in 1984."

Just as Coe also owed much to his father's coaching, so Whitbread was helped by her mother. "She was a motivator, driving force, and coach but, most important of all, she was my mother," Whitbread said. "She gave me security.

"A relationship between coach and athlete can be a strained one and has to be worked on. However, when we got home we had other interests we shared with my father and two younger brothers. There should be a blend and balance in the family life."

Many of Britain's champions of the moment owe similar debts. Nicola Fairbrother, the Olympic silver medal-winner who retained her European lightweight judo title last weekend, has been backed financially by her parents for the past six years. Until the Sports Aid Foundation stepped in, they were virtually her only sponsors from the age of 17.

If she had not received assistance from her family, she could not have trained full-time. "In sports like judo, which are not rich, you rely on charity.

"All the top judo competitors have stable backgrounds. My family is so understanding. In concentrating on competitions, my method is to cut myself off from other people. They are so good at putting up with this.

"However, my mother gets even more nervous than I do. In Barcelona, I could see her knuckles going white as I stepped onto the mat for the final. I just gave her a thumbs-up sign."

Like many young athletes, Darren Campbell, a likely successor to Linford Christie as Britain's No 1 sprinter, was bought his first pair of spikes by his mother. His parents separated when he was young but his mother, Marva, has been "formative".

She drove him down from Manchester to his first championships at Crystal Palace in 1989 and helped him financially. "She just wanted to give me a chance," he said, adding jokingly: "I am quite independent now, but sometimes I say to her: 'Go on, lend me a bit of money'."

Brian Miller, psychologist to the British team at the 1992 Olympics, said: "Even at the highest level there are going to be self-doubts at some stage, questioning why you are training and competing. If the family also questions the motives, then this becomes a 'negative reinforcer'."

He accepts that some enthusiastic parents can be stressful for the competitor. "Almost the worst scenario is when the competitor does not want to let the parents down. This is why it is so important for parents constantly to be self-questioning of their own roles."

Parents must always recognise that there are things more important than success in sport. Peter Coe realised this. When he was asked once what had made him most proud of Sebastian, he replied: "He was a good son."



Winning team: Alex Bennett flanked by her supportive parents, Roger and Chris. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird

THE parents of Alex Bennett, the British junior backstroke record-holder, insist they are the rule rather than the exception in examples of support given to children's sporting careers. Chris Bennett, Alex's mother, said: "We are typical of many parents in many sports, but particularly in swimming, where competitors train so much and often are teenagers. In many other cases, the effort is more praiseworthy because the level of achievement is less public. Their effort lay the foundation upon which local, national and international success in sport are built."

Dedication and organisation are required as the Bennetts juggle the work demands of Roger, an information systems manager, home life and the academic and sporting careers of their daughters, Mia, 18, a hockey player, and Alex, 16, who last year won a 100 metres backstroke bronze medal in the European junior championships.

Detailed below is the breakdown of a typical Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the Bennett household. Usually, no swimming takes place on Wednesdays.

There is training often only in the afternoons on Fridays. Weekends are often given over to attending competitions or further training.

THE TIMETABLE

04.50: Alarm. Prepare breakfast.
05.00: Wake swimmer with cup of coffee. Pack school uniform and kit in swim bag. Breakfast.
05.30: Drive swimmer to morning training (12 miles).
05.45: Arrive pool. Chris, Alex's mother, conducts swimming business while daughter swims.
07.30: Drive home (12 miles).
07.55: Swimmer has quick nap.
08.40: Wake swimmer with another cup of coffee. Wash out kit. Second breakfast.
09.10: Drive to school and back home (10 miles).
09.30: Housework, including preparing evening meal, and also write correspondence, complete entries, records, and reports, ready for swimmer to read, sign or check. Prepare snack for swimmer to eat at four o'clock.
15.35: Drive to school and home (10 miles).
16.00: Snack. Drink bottle and after-swim snack ready.
16.15: Drive to pool (pick up another swimmer — 15 or 20 miles depending on which pool).
19.20: Drive home after second training session of day. (15 or 20 miles depending on route).
19.50: Arrive home. Serve evening meal. Unpack, wash and dry kit if swimmer has a lot of homework.
21.30: Encourage swimmer to get some sleep.

THE COSTS

Expenses	Annual cost
Average monthly refreshment during training session, £12	£144
Average monthly mileage to training 1,000 miles. Petrol cost, £90	£1,080
Squad and base club fees per month, £30	£360
Average entry fees per month, £12	£144
Costs during competition for accommodation, travel and meals for swimmer	£965
Cost for family to support competitions	£400
TOTAL	£3,093

IN BRIEF

Qualifier puts out Novotna

FRANCESCA Bentivoglio, a 16-year-old qualifier, caused the biggest upset at the Italian tennis open in Rome yesterday by defeating the No 7 seed, Jana Novotna, 7-5, 7-6 in the second round.

Bentivoglio, ranked 329 in the world, was more than a match for Novotna, No 9, from the Czech Republic. "This is the greatest victory of my career," the delighted Bentivoglio said. "I went out and played my best, I had nothing to lose."

Bidouze into third round

REAL TENNIS: Bernadette Bidouze, the French No 1, convincingly beat Sue Bicheno in straight sets to reach the third round of the women's world championship in Bordeaux.

Penny Lumley, the holder, begins her defence of the title today when she meets the talented newcomer, Margaret Allen, a badminton international, for a place in the quarter-finals.

Grunfeld stroll

TENNIS: Amanda Grunfeld warmed up for next week's Federation Cup qualifying round with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Sophia Hiort, of Sweden, in the first round of the LTA Satellite tournament at the Royal Berkshire club, Bracknell yesterday.

☐ Andres Gomez, of Ecuador, plagued by injuries since winning the 1990 French Open, has been issued a wild card invitation to the grand slam event this year. Gomez, 33, won the 1990 final against Andre Agassi in four sets. Since then he has plummeted out of the top 100.

Cup of cheer

RUGBY UNION: Carlsberg-Tetley Alloa is to increase prize-money for the winners of their Alloa Brewery Cup by 50 per cent next season, bringing their involvement in national Scottish cup competition ever closer. The winners will receive £7,500 and there will be increased prize-money for the runners-up.

Irish squad

RUGBY UNION: Four full caps have been included in the Ireland development squad to tour Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa in July and August. They are Ciaran Clarke, the full back, Mark McCall and Brian Glennon, both centres, and Paul Hogan, who plays at flanker or No 8. The team will be captained by Kevin Potts.

Boyle on brink

BOWLS: Ian Boyle, of Yorkshire, lines up in Jersey today needing one win from his last two matches to take the singles event in the Seven Countries Classic. Boyle clinched victories yesterday over Mike Smith, of Guernsey, and Len Avenbuch, of Israel.

Athlete injured

ATHLETICS: Jillian Richardson-Briscoe, the Canadian who came fifth in the women's 400 metres final at the Barcelona Olympics last year, was in a critical condition in a Calgary hospital yesterday after a road accident.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

West Indies v Pakistan

WEST INDIES: First Innings 438 (C L Hooper 178 not out, R B Richardson 52; Waqar Younis 5 for 105).

Second Innings

D L Haynes not out	5
P V Simmons not out	5
Extras (b 4, lb 1)	5
Total (no wkt)	15

B C Lara, *R B Richardson, K L T Arthurton, †J R Murray, C L Hooper, W K M Benjamin, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh and A C Cummins to bat.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Ramiz Raja c Murray b Walsh	0
Shakeel Ahmed lbw b Ambrose	0
Asif Mujtaba c Haynes b Hooper	59
Javed Miandad lbw b Benjamin	31
Basit Ali b Cummins	56
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Haynes b Cummins	123
†Rashid Latif lbw b Cummins	2
*Wasim Akram c Hooper b Benjamin	9
Waqar Younis c Hooper b Benjamin	4
Nadim Khan c Murray b Cummins	25
Ata-ur-Rehman not out	1
Extras (lb 6, nb 10)	16
Total	326

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-0, 2-4, 3-86, 4-108, 5-196, 6-206, 7-221, 8-227, 9-323

BOWLING. Ambrose 23-8-40-1; Walsh 19-3-38-1; Benjamin 20-4-53-3, Cummins 20-4-54-4, Hooper 39-2-98-1; Simmons 5-0-17-0

Umpires: H D Bird and S U Bucknor.

Cambridge U v Glamorgan

FENNER'S (*Glamorgan won toss*). *Glamorgan have scored 298 for eight wickets against Cambridge University*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James b Pitcher	31
*H Morris c and b Pearson	51
M P Maynard b Pitcher	20
P A Cottey st Arscott b Pearson	5
D L Hemp c Charlesworth b Whitall	19
R D B Croft c Cake b Whitall	107
A Dale c sub b Charlesworth	29
R P Lefebvre lbw b Charlesworth	14
†C P Metson not out	14
S L Watkin not out	2
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 2)	6
Total (8 wkts)	298

S R Barwick to bat

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-83, 2-103, 3-109, 4-111, 5-170, 6-239, 7-287, 8-292

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *J P Crawley, G W Jones, M E D Jarratt, R Cake, J P Carroll, G M Charlesworth, †J P Arscott, R M Pearson, A R Whitall, N J Haste, C M Pitcher.

Umpires. B Dudleston and T E Jesty.

Oxford Univ v Hampshire

THE PARKS (*Hampshire won toss*). *Oxford University, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 135 runs behind Hampshire*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton b Jeh	0
V P Terry b Jeh	11
R A Smith c Lyons b Gallian	3
*M C J Nicholas c Lyons b Macdonald	82
J R Ayling b Jeh	9
K D James c Keay b Malik	32
†A N Aymes b Jeh	2
S D Udal c Yeabsley b Macdonald	6
M Jean-Jacques not out	21
I J Turner c MacMillan b Jeh	5
K J Shine lbw b Macdonald	7
Extras (lb 3, w 3, nb 14)	20
Total	169

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-4, 2-13, 3-27, 4-27, 5-126, 6-126, 7-129, 8-143, 9-152.

BOWLING. Jeh 23-8-63-5; Gallian 11-4-16-1, Yeabsley 14-4-21-0; Macdonald 15.1-3-36-3, Malik 14-6-30-1.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

C M Gupte not out	13
*J E R Gallian not out	15
Extras (lb 3, nb 2)	5
Total (no wkt)	33

E Fowler, G I MacMillan, R D Oliphant-Callum, C L Keay, H S Malik, M P W Jeh, R S Yeabsley, †C Lyons and R H Macdonald to bat.

Umpires. D J Constant and M K Reed

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Cardiff: Glamorgan 240 (J P J Sylvester 66; A L Penberthy 4-25); Northamptonshire 9-0. Bristol: Gloucestershire 271 (G D Hodgson 73); Surrey 14-0 Oakham: Kent 337 (J I Longley 69; W J Adiam 5-39); Leicestershire 119 (W J Adiam 55; D J Spencer 6-26). Harrow: Sussex 277 (C W J Athey 87, C C Remy 52, K Greenfield 55; N G Cowans 4-50); Middlesex 11-2. Trent Bridge: Worcestershire 248-9 v Nottinghamshire. Headingley: Essex 264 (A G J Fraser 84, D D J Robinson 62); Yorkshire 46-0

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Qualifying stage: Asian zone: Group E: Saudi Arabia 0, Kuwait 0 (in Kuala Lumpur).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Swanton Town 4, Crystal Palace 0.

Tuesday night's results

PREMIER LEAGUE: Arsenal 0, Queens Park Rangers 0; Everton 0, Sheffield United 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1, Leeds United 1

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Grimsby Town 0, Newcastle United 2, Tranmere Rovers 2, Sunderland 1, Second division: Bolton Wanderers 1, Stoke City 0; Exeter City 1, Port Vale 1; Swansea City 2, Wigan Athletic 1. Third division: Darlington 1, Colchester 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Partick Thistle 3, Rangers 0.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 0, Aston Villa 5; Notts County 2, Leeds United 0.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 1, Millwall 3 (Millwall win league). Watford 0, Southampton 2. Second division: Cardiff City 0, Yeovil 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido 1, Ebbw Vale 3

BASS NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe 0, Glossop 1; Nantwich 0, Salford 0; Prescot 1, Formby 2, St Helens 2, Atherton LR 0

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: G and W Engineering Cup: Spennymoor 2, Thackley 1

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe 2, Watton 3.

FRENCH CUP: Third round: AS Monaco 0, Paris Saint-Germain 1.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Royal Antwerp 3, AA Ghent 1

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 5, California Angels 3; Detroit Tigers 5, Kansas City Royals 3, New York Yankees 4, Oakland A's 2, Boston Red Sox 6, Seattle Mariners 7, Milwaukee Brewers 6, Chicago White Sox 1, Minnesota Twins 4, Baltimore Orioles 3, Texas Rangers 3, Toronto Blue Jays 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida Marlins 9, Cincinnati Reds 6, Montreal Expos 6, San Diego Padres 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 2, Atlanta Braves 3; Chicago Cubs 13, Colorado Rockies 14 (11 innings), St Louis Cardinals 6, Houston Astros 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 8, New York Mets 4; San Francisco Giants 3, Philadelphia Phillies 4 (12 innings).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: First round: Eastern Conference: Atlanta Hawks 88, Chicago Bulls 98 (Chicago wins best-of-five series 3-0); Indiana Pacers 116, New York 93 (New York lead 2-1) Western Conference: Utah Jazz 90, Seattle Supersonics 80 (Utah leads 2-1), Los Angeles Lakers 102, Phoenix Suns 107 (Los Angeles lead 2-1)

BOWLS

JERSEY: Seven countries classic: Singles: Second round: I Boyle (Eng) bt A Marshall (Scot), 25-13; J Smyth (Ire) bt L Nixon (Jer), 25-17; R Weale (Wales) bt M Smith (Guer), 25-22. Third round: Marshall bt Nixon, 25-22; Weale bt Smyth, 25-23, Smith bt L Evenbuch (Isr), 25-9. Fours: Second round: Guernsey (A Welsh, D Masterton, J Quenpel and P Ingrouille) bt Wales (W Matthews, P Rowlands, E Kingdon and S Wiltshire), 19-13; Scotland (D Peacock, W Galloway, R Provan and A Blair) bt England (G Smyth, R Gass, G Burgess and M Salyer), 19-17; Jersey (A Sywret, A Quennard, B Noel and C Renouf) bt Ireland (V Dallas, I McClure, N Graham and C Davis), 22-19. Third round: Jersey bt Scotland, 28-19, Ireland bt Wales, 27-16; Israel (L Blum, Y Gavish, J Miller and L Mendelsohn) bt Guernsey, 18-13. Fourth round: Scotland (B Peacock, W Galloway, R Provan and A Blair) 19, Wales (W Matthews, P Rowlands, V Kingdon and S Wiltshire) 19; England (G Smyth, R Gass, G Burgess and M Salyer) 24, Guernsey (A Welsh, D Masterton, J Quenpel and P Ingrouille) 21, Ireland (V Dallas, I McClure, N Graham and C Davis) 25, Israel (L Blum, Y Gavish, J Miller and L Mendelsohn) 23. Fifth round: Wales 25, Jersey (A Sywret, A Quennard, B Noel and C Renouf) 17; Israel 25, England 10; Scotland 31, Guernsey 10. Pairs: Fourth round: J Smyth (Ire) 25, L Avenbuch (Isr) 20; A Marshall (Scot) 25, R Weale (Wales) 23; I Boyle (Eng) 25, M Smith (Guernsey) 19. Fifth round: Wales 25, L Nixon (Jersey) Noel and C Renouf) 17, Israel 25, England 10; Scotland 31, Guernsey 10.

BOXING

DENVER: World Boxing Association middleweight championship: Reggie Johnson (US) bt Wayne Harris (Guyana), pts.

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Bingley: Yorkshire 225-9 (R Kettleborough 54); Nottinghamshire 229-2 (M Saxelby 84, G F Archer 82 not out). Nottinghamshire won by 8 wkts. Harrow: Sussex 186-8; Middlesex 141 (J A North 4-13). Sussex won by 45 runs. Ilkeston: Derbyshire 178-9; Leicestershire 180-3 (V J Wells 85). Leicestershire won by 7 wkts.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Aldenham 103, Bishop's Stortford College 108-3; Uppingham 221-6 dec, Oakham 154-3 (J Bull 108 not out); Rugby CC 175-6 dec, Rugby School 171-8; Blundell's 197-2 dec, Devon Dumplings 196-3; Incognito 95 (S Drake 5-20), Cranbrook 99-4.

CYCLING

TOUR OF ROMANDIE: Prologue (Courtetelle to Delemont, 7.3km): 1, R Sorensen (Den), 9min 08sec; 2, M Induruin (Sp), at 5sec; 3, P Richard (Switz), at 8sec; 4, R Jaemann (Switz), at 14sec; 5, C Chiappucci (It), same time.

FOOTBALL'S FIGURES

FA Premier League
Sheffield Weds v Arsenal (7.45) .....

Barclays League
First division
Newcastle v Oxford Utd (all ticket, 7.45) .....

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Newcastle (7.00); Blackburn v Rotherham (7.00); Wolverhampton v Liverpool (7.00). Second division: Burnley v Derby (7.15).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v QPR (7.30); Watford v Portsmouth (7.30). Second division: Plymouth v Yeovil (7.00).

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Challenge
Second day of three
11.0, 110 overs minimum
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Australians

Britannic Assurance County Championship
First day of four
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Yorkshire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Durham
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Kent
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire
HOVE: Sussex v Surrey
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Derbyshire

Other matches
Second day of three
11.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Glamorgan
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Hampshire

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of three). Ilkeston: Derbyshire v Warwickshire. Cardiff: Glamorgan v Northamptonshire. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Surrey. Oakham: Leicestershire v Kent. Harrow: Middlesex v Sussex. Nottingham: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire. Leeds: Yorkshire v Essex.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: Badminton horse trials.
GOLF: Benson and Hedges International (St Mellion)
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Bracknell)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup play-offs: Second round: Patrick division finals: Pittsburgh Penguins 3, New York Islanders 0 (best-of-seven series tied 1-1). Adams division finals: Montreal Canadiens 4, Buffalo Sabres 3 (OT) (Montreal lead 2-0).

REAL TENNIS

BORDEAUX: Women's world championship: First round (British unless stated): C Armstrong-Smith bt E Camp (Fr), 6-3, 6-2. Second round: M Allen bt Armstrong-Smith, 6-1, 6-0; S Macintosh beat F Sycon, 6-0, 6-1; B Bidouze (Fr) bt S Bicheno, 6-0, 6-1; V Horn bt S Owens, 6-4, 6-3; J Lippincott (US) bt L Bennett, 6-3, 6-2.

HOLYPORT: BNB British professional championship: Second round: K Sheldon bt M Seigneur, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3; A Oliver bt D Sim, 6-0, 6-4, 6-1; M Devine bt J Fletcher, 6-0, 8-0, 6-1, P Blake bt K King, 6-4, 6-0, 4-6, 6-6, 6-0; N Wood bt S Ronaldson 6-1, 6-1, 6-1. Third round: L Dauchar (Aus) bt A Dews, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1; M Devine beat H Latham, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.

WIMPEY AMATEUR DOUBLES: Semi-finals: J Snow and M McMurrough bt D Reid and R Kiznaric, 6-1, 6-0, 6-0; T Warburg and I Snell bt N Pendrigh and J Waddell, 6-4, 6-0, 6-1. Final: J Snow and M McMurrough bt T Warburgh and I Snell 6-2, 6-1, 6-3;

TENNIS

BRACKNELL: LTA satellite tournament: Men: First round: J Delgado (Berkshire) bt L Sabin (Dorset), 6-3, 6-4; N Gould (Avon) bt P Fowler (Durham and Cleveland), 6-2, 6-1; M Roberts (US) bt T Meeuwc (Bel), 7-5, 6-7, 6-2; M Tebbutt (Aus) bt N West (Herts), 6-4, 6-1, C Ferrera (SA) bt A Richardson (Lincs), 7-5, 6-3; L Matthews (Herts) bt C Beecher (Kent), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; T Henman (Oxfordshire) bt P Cooper (Warwicks), 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; P Hand (Berks) bt J Bally (Herts), 7-6, 7-6, B Ladkham (Aus) bt M Wyeth (Surrey), 6-1, 6-4; M Calvelli (It) bt P Languardt (Den), 4-6, 7-6, 6-1; S Hette (Fr) bt J Holmes (Aus), 7-6, 2-0, rtd; A Baust (Fr) bt S Cowan (Lancs), 6-1, 6-1. Women: First round: J Salmon (Sussex) bt C Hall (Dorset), 6-3, 6-2; R Surova (Cz) bt J Camp (Holl), 6-3, 6-2; M Vatin (Swe) bt C Hunt (Dorset), 6-0, 6-2; R Mawdsley (Aus) bt N Egrova (CIS), 7-6, 6-2; L Woodroffe (Surrey) bt P Piorkowska (US), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; K Nugent (Ire) bt E Norbze (Nam), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; A Grunfeld (Lancs) bt S Hiort (Swe), 6-1, 6-1; C Reuter (Ger) bt S Nicholson (Ire), 6-0, 6-2; A Woolcock (Aus) bt J Humphreys (SA), 6-1, 6-2; S Pistol (It) bt A Zhidkova (CIS), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; M Hughes (North Wales) bt K Roubanova (ISR), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; N Jarlan (Fr) bt S Boulding (Yorkshire), 6-3, 6-0; S Parhomenko (Russ) bt C Billingham (Oxon), 6-4, 6-0; S-A Siddall (Dorset), bt S Tse (Isle of Man), 6-1, 6-0.

HAMBURG: Men's ATP tournament: Second round: A Chesnokov (Russ) bt C Costa (Sp), 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; J Oncins (Sr) bt D Dier (Ger), 6-3, 6-1; B Karbacher (Ger) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 7-6, 6-3; T Muster (Austria) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-7, 6-3, 6-1; R Krajicek (Holl) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 6-4, 2-6, 7-6; S Edberg (Swe) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-3, 6-3. N Novacek (Cz) bt A Olhovskiy (Rus), 6-4, 6-2; E Sanchez (Sp) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-4, 6-3; B Becker (Ger) bt C-J Steeb (Ger), 6-4, 6-2; A Chesnokov (Russ) bt R Furlan (It), 1-6, 6-0, 6-1; M Ondruska (SA) bt J Remzenbrink (Ger), 7-5, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt J Arrese (Sp), 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

ROME: Italian Open women's championship: Second round: M J Fernandez (US) bt J Kruger (SA), 6-2, 6-1; C Martinez (Sp) bt M Zivec-Skulj (Ger), 7-5, 6-3; F Bentivoglio (It) bt J Novotna (Cz), 7-5, 7-6; N Herreman (Fr) bt S Farina (It), 6-2, 6-0, N Zvereva (Belarus) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-2, 6-2. J Capmas (US) bt S Cecchini (It), 6-3, 6-2, A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt R De Los Rios (Par), 6-2, 6-0; A Huber (Ger) bt L Fernando (It), 7-5, 6-2.

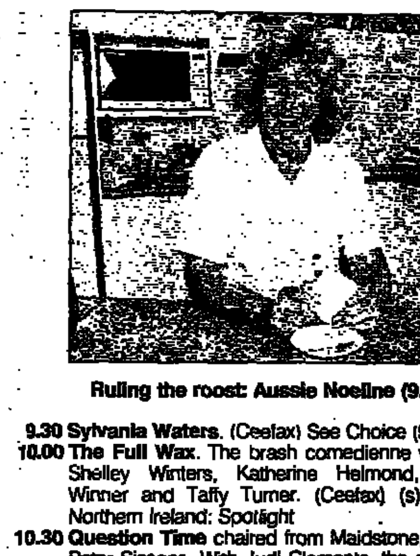
TAMPA BAY, Florida: Men's tournament: Second round: T Woodbridge (US) bt J Palmer (US), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; P McEnroe (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 3-6, 7-6, 4-1 rtd; R Reisberg (US) bt G Schaller (US), 6-2, 6-4; T Carbonell (Sp) bt T Martin (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; B Dunn (US) bt A Mancebon (Sp), 2-6, 6-4, 7-6; W Masur (Aus) bt J Morgan (Aus), 6-3, 6-3, B Shelton (US) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 1-0 rtd, D Wheaton (US) bt S Stolle (Aus), 6-1, 6-1; V Spadea (US) bt M Pernfors (Swe), 6-1, 3-0 rtd.

WATER POLO

ATHENS: World Cup: Group stage: First round matches: Hungary 10, Russia 8; Australia 8, Greece 8; Italy 11, Germany 5. Second round: Italy 11, United States 6.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast with Paul Burden, Sara Coburn and Heather Payton (53099)
7.00 Breakfast News (19059380)
9.05 Verdict. Will Hanrahan chairs a debate in which the jury has to decide whether a police suspect should be allowed the *right to remain silent* during interrogation (s) (4979457) **9.35 King of the Road.** Ross King and Anna Walker *visit Windsor (s)* (2684490)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5753544) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (4528544)
10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. *Magazine series (s)* (62604457)
12.05 Pebble Mill. Music and conversation hosted by Judi Spiers (s) (2410032)
12.45 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick. An update of the morning's topics *(s)* (21121728) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (18403341)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton. (Ceefax) *Weather* (80070) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (70719780)
1.50 Film: Just Between Friends (1986) starring Mary Tyler Moore, Ted Danson and Christine Lahti. Drama about two women, one a dedicated wife and mother, the other devoted to her career, who strike up a friendship unaware that they share the same man. Directed by Allan Burns. (Ceefax) (22133612)
3.35 Cartoon (5465099) **3.50 Pingu** (r) (4239167) **3.55 Chucklevision** *(r) (s)* (4953524) **4.15 Happy Families** (r) (s) (4073790) **4.30 Tricks 'n' Tracks.** Magic and music series. (Ceefax) (s) (2582167)
4.55 Newsround (8266902) **5.05 Blue Peter.** Includes a report on last Sunday's *Blue Peter* Fun Run. (Ceefax) (s) (4370631)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (254457). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (167)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (419). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops *(s) (7438)*
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (631)
8.00 Mulberry. Offbeat comedy series starring Karl Howman as a spirited butler to an elderly spinster (Geraldine McEwan). (Ceefax) (s) (6186)
8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. Patricia Routledge stars as Hyacinth Bucket the super-snob, this week *becoming embarrassed by the antics of the rest of* her family (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5693). Wales: Local Hero
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3457)

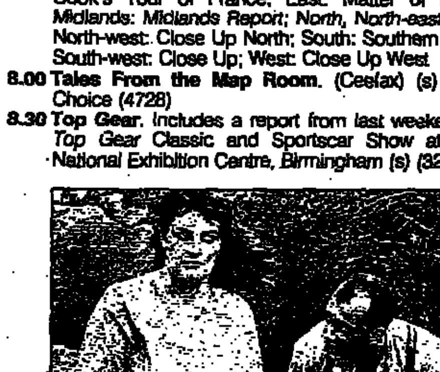


Ruling the roost: Aussie Noeline (9.30pm)

9.30 Sylvania Waters. (Ceefax) See Choice (91525)
10.00 The Full Wax. The brash comedienne welcomes Shelley Winters, Katherine Helmond, Michael Winner and Taffy Turner. (Ceefax) (s) (61896). *Northern Ireland: Spotlight*
10.30 Question Time chaired from Maidstone, Kent, by Peter Sissons. With Judi Clements, the director of Mind, Tim Razzall, the Liberal Democrats treasurer, and MPs Jonathan Aitken and Bryan Gould (94544). Northern Ireland: The Full Wax 11.00 Question Time 12.00-12.45 Law and Order
11.30 Elections 93. David Dimbleby introduces results and analyses of the local county council elections *and the Newbury by-election* (60365273)
1.45am approx Weather (2244842)

BBC2

6.45 Open University 8.00 Breakfast News (6319877)
8.15 Westminster (2117780)
9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes including, for children, **9.45 You and Me** (2905438) **1.20 Noddy** (s) (77563099) **1.30 Funny Bones** (s) (85704693) **1.35 Pinny's House** (85703964)
2.00 News and weather (15267148) followed by **You and Me** (r) (40167631) **2.15 Charlie Chaplin: the Little Tramp.** A documentary about the star's early *career and life* (2523964)
3.00 News, regional news and weather (3134148) **3.05 Westminster Live** (9083380) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4312709)
4.00 Film: The Dark Mirror (1946, b/w) starring Olivia de Havilland. Thriller about the murder of a society doctor. Suspicion falls on one of two identical twins, *one of whom is mentally disturbed.* Directed by Robert Siodmak (3598612)
5.20 Growing Places. Gardens in Knaresborough, north Yorkshire, receive a visit from Geoffrey Smith (r) (8687709) **5.30 Totem.** The story of two climbers in Monument Valley, Arizona — a photographer and an eagle (896)
6.00 Film: The Good Guys and the Bad Guys (1969). Comedy drama western starring Robert Mitchum, George Kennedy and Martin Balsam. Directed by Burt Kennedy. (Ceefax) (66051)
7.30 First Sight: Critical Decisions. A report on the future of the National Health Service (273). Wales: A Cook's Tour of France; East: Matter of Fact; *Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and* North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Close Up; West: Close Up West
8.00 Tales From the Map Room. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (4728)
8.30 Top Gear. Includes a report from last weekend's *Top Gear* Classic and Sportscar Show at the National Exhibition Centre, *Birmingham* (s) (3235)



Julie T. Wallace and John Docherty (9.00pm)

9.00 The Comic Strip Presents ... Queen of the Wild Frontier. When two escaped prisoners are given shelter by a female farmer they get more than they *bargained for.* (Ceefax) (415525)
9.35 Nature Special: Whale Wars. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (935070)
10.30 Newsnight (947235)
11.15 The Late Show. This month's Scottish special is introduced by Kirsty Wark from Glasgow's annual arts festival, Mayfest (849411)
11.55 Weather (720070) **12.00 Jumpcuts.** The weekend's Open University programmes (5696277)
12.05am Biology Form and Function: Healing the Spine. The latest developments into nerve regeneration (8087200). Ends at **12.30**
2.15-2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (50194) **3.00-3.30 RCN Nursing Update** *(17910)*

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CHOICE

True Stories: Lovers on Trial
Channel 4, 9.35pm

Heartlessly billed in the publicity notes as "full of intrigue and excitement" with "every nail-biting *moment for real!", this is an engrossing but harrowing* documentary following the trial of Belgian lovers Marie-Louise Gosset and Christian Fernandez after the murder of Gosset's common-law husband. There is no doubt that Fernandez and two accomplices did the deed, but as the trial goes on, Fernandez's lawyers try to prove that Gosset incited him. Gosset not only *denies this but minimises her relationship with* Fernandez to such an extent that outside the courtroom he laments bitterly: "*I did it all for nothing.*"



Peter Hampson as R.L. Stevenson (BBC2, 8.00pm)

Tales from the Map Room: A Tissue of Lies
BBC2, 8.00pm

Maps and the way in which they have been used throughout history is the inspired basis for an enlightening new series. This first programme immediately puts paid to any notion that maps are accurate representations of reality. Places are strangely metamorphosed on maps, not just because the earth is *round and paper is flat, but because cartographers* have their own prejudices and motives. Ask for a map of the world and you can take your pick from one which makes the Third World seem enormous, one which makes the earth revolve around Great Britain, even one which places Australia on top. The show also deals entertainingly with imaginative map-makers from Robert Louis Stevenson, creator of *Treasure Island,* to *Times* cartoonist Peter Brookes, who sees faces in the outlines of countries.

Sylvania Waters
BBC1, 9.30pm

With the word "recession" cropping up every two seconds, a depressed Noeline shows signs of quietening down at the start of this third instalment of the real life Aussie soap, but rest assured, things hot up when she confronts her son Michael over his lousy school report. "You'll get a smack bottom in a minute," she screeches as Michael grins sheepishly, refusing to apologise. Touchingly, the little love confides in the tranquil voice-over: *"No one seemed to realise I was planning a late surge in my academic career."* Meanwhile Dione is getting increasingly bored by her pregnancy. "It's dragging on and on," she grizzles.

Whale Wars
BBC2, 9.35pm

A *Nature Special* brings a distressing report about the whaling industry in Japan. The International Whaling Commission (IWC) voted to suspend commercial whaling in 1982 and the prohibition *supposedly came into effect in 1986.* This documentary shows how Japan is lobbying the IWC for the resumption of the industry, but even more disturbingly, it reveals the results of an undercover operation by the London-based Environmental Investigation Agency. The agency claims that along with Norway and Iceland, Japan has been exploiting a *loophole in the ban, taking 300 whales a year for* "scientific" purposes. The Japanese government sees whaling as an important tradition, but the country is divided.

Stephanie Billen

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. *This morning's guests include* Elvis Presley Jr (6354544)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word game (s) (1986761) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4504964)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... (4678983)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (62698896)
12.10 The Riddlers. Children's entertainment (8426001)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Teletext) Weather (8587457) **1.05** *London Today (Teletext) and weather (75130273)*
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (633544) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (632815)
2.15 Simply the Best. The first of a new series in which West Country hotelier Kit Chapman takes a gastronomic tour of Great Britain, beginning on a *farm in Wales* (624896)
2.45 Take the High Road. Highlands-based drama *serial* (5339235)
3.10 News headlines (3145254) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3144525)
3.20 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz (8253761)
3.50 Garfield and Friends. Animation (r) (1503803) **4.15 The Pig Attraction.** The first of a new puppet series, introduced by Simon Buckley (228761) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures.** *Cartoon (r)* (2565490)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4364070)
5.40 Early Evening News with Dermot Murnaghan. (Teletext) Weather (855235)
6.00 London Tonight. Fifteen-year-old Louise Brown, the world's first test tube baby, *is interviewed in part* three of the series on infertility (81148)



Shall we dance? Davies and Thorp (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Alan Turner (Richard Thorp) is Mrs Bates's (Diana Davies) reluctant partner at an *afternoon tea dance.* (Teletext) (2506)
7.30 Storyline: Killing Time. A harrowing investigation into the pain and agony of whales used in research (s) (159)
8.00 The Bill: Give Em An Inch. London police drama series (Teletext) (1254)
8.30 Just a Gigolo. Comedy series starring Tony *Slattery as a former teacher who ekes out a living by* working for an escort agency. (Teletext) (6231)
9.00 Body and Soul. Drama serial starring Kristin Scott Thomas as a nun forced by circumstances to experience life outside the convent walls. (Teletext) (s) (6419)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (56964) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (705341)
10.40 The Frost Programme. Studio discussion on issues affecting London (641506)
11.40 Raw Soup. Magazine mixing comedy, music and debate (s) (191254)
12.40am Street Legal. Drama series about a Canadian *law firm* (4172397)
1.35 Hollywood Report (s) (6809262)
2.00 Donahue. The guests are women who thought they had found Mr Right but were wrong (94842)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (11736)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (22991)
4.00 Entertainment UK. The "what's on" magazine (r) (s) *(18281)*
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (90755)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Dermot Murnaghan (85216). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Lucille Ball. Trouble with passports is looming (10902)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules. Cartoon cat and dog battles (8635148)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin with regular features, news every 20 minutes, and Paula Yates' guests (70693)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz game introduced by Bill Cosby *(s) (66341)*
9.30 Schools (369815)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Daily report on work in both Houses presented by Anne Perkins (53877)
12.30 Sesame Street. Children's educational show with guest Harry Belafonte who discovers B, J and 9 (r) (67885)
1.30 Chicken Minute. Puppet fun *(r) (s) (96070)*
2.00 A Joy to Drive. In Somerset with motor enthusiast Simon Groom *(r)* (9032)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Chester. Live coverage of the Dee Stakes (2.40); the Grahams Machinery Sales Stakes (3.10); the Ormonde EBF Stakes (3.40); the Wynn Handicap Stakes (4.10). Introduced by Brough Scott (84524)
4.30 Fifteen-To-One. Knockout quiz game. (Teletext) *(s)(612)*
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show: After Waco. Oprah Winfrey talks to a mother and daughter who became wives of David Koresh, the self-proclaimed prophet, and an Australian family who followed the cult leader to Texas *(7169896)*
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Nigel Planer narrates a story of a dog and his friends (r) (396273)
6.00 Desmond's. Comedy series set in South London. Desmond worries that a ghost from the past threatens an end to his marriage (r). (Teletext) (s) (877)
6.30 A Different World. *American comedy series.* Dwayne offers to tutor Lena but she mistakes his offer for something romantic and his girlfriend goes on the warpath (457)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. Weather *(Teletext)* (295032)
7.50 Comment. John Patten, the education secretary, is taken to task by John Fletcher on testing for seven-year-olds (802964)



Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Joan Bakewell (8.00pm)

8.00 Memento. Dame Kiri Te Kanawa discusses her favourite possessions and her roots in New Zealand with Joan Bakewell. (Teletext) (9896)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien guides an intrepid team (s) (8008159)
9.35 True Stories: Lovers On Trial (Teletext) (see Choice) (511070)
11.15 Joe Cocker (s) *The gravel-voiced singer belts out* songs from his Night Calls tour in a concert recorded at Westfalenhalle, Germany (865902)
12.20am The Jazz Package. Clips of the Thirties and Forties greats including Fats Waller, Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Dizzy Gillespie and Duke Wellington (8084113)
12.50 Dispatches. *A repeat of last night's programme* about British arms dealer Paul Grecian (4966769)
1.40 The Steve Allen Show (b/w). Guests include Milton Berle, Lee Marvin, George Nader, Peter Lawford, Groucho Marx, Dinah Shore and Bob Hope (7063939) Ends at **2.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8253761) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4364070) **6.00** Home and Away (668902) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (187254) **10.40** *Anglia Tonight* (296902) **11.10** Wideangle (148032) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (468438) **12.35** Local Election Results (3342858) **1.05** Wrestling (2259246) **1.25** The Twilight Zone (8658282) **1.45** Film: Never Let Go (121378) **3.25** America's Top *Ten* (3455755) **3.55** *Cher* (3660007) **4.30** Riviera (13545194) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2433262)

BORDER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Gardening Time (632815) **2.45-3.10** Magic Wok (5339235) **3.20-3.50** GP (8253761) **6.00** Lookaround (235) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters *(815)* **10.40** *Life Stories* (296902) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (107780) **12.05** IndyCar 93 (8062991) **12.35** Coach (3342858) *1.05 Wrestling (7098823)* **1.45** Film: Never Let Go (121378) **3.25** America's Top Ten (34585755) **3.55** Cher (2660007)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (633544) *1.45-2.15* Home and Away (632815) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (8253761) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (4364070) **6.00** Home and Away (668902) **6.25-7.00** Central News (843693) **10.40** Married with Children (296902) **11.10** Sledge Hammer (148032) **11.40** Local Elections (192148) **11.50** The Equalizer (442490) **12.45** Hollywood Report (68755) **1.15** The Little Picture Show (442480) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (47620) **2.45** America's Top Ten (46991) **3.15** Raw Power (244945) **4.15** Jobfinder (4488226) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6823281)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (632815) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (8253761) **6.00 HTV News** (235) **6.30-7.00** Green Go the Dishes (815) **10.30** The West This Week (61589709) **12.05** Prisoner: Cell *Block H (7056668) 1.05 Wrestling (7098823)* **1.45** Film: Never Let Go (121378) **3.25** America's Top Ten (34585755) **3.55** Cher (3660007) **4.30** Riviera (13545194) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2433262)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week **10.40** Election Special **11.25** Storyline **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.50-1.05** Rock Sport

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8253761) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (235) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (815) **10.40** The Water Report (347186) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (462254) **12.25** War of the Worlds (1240674) **1.20-1.35** Night Bites (5429378) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (90755)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8253761) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (917971) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (815) **10.40** North East Footballer of the Year (963273) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (102235) **12.20** The Twilight Zone (7496259) **12.30** Film: A Study in Terror (584397) **2.15** America's Top Ten (47620) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (46991) **3.15** Film: Eight O'Clock Walk (983991) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (5776026)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (81148) **10.40** Counterpoint (296902) *11.10 Go Fishing (148032) 11.40 Police* Precinct (468438) **12.35** Coach (3342858) **1.05** Wrestling (7098823) **1.45** Film: Never *Let Go (121378) 3.25 America's Top Ten* (34585755) **3.55** Cher (3660007) **4.30** Riviera (13545194) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (63285) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (8253761) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (81148) **10.40** Ravio — The Sculptor Who is Blind (296902) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (107780) **12.10** The Twilight Zone (7452552) **12.35** Coach (3342858) **1.05** Wrestling (7098823) *1.45 Film: Never Let Go (121378)* **3.25** America's Top Ten (34585755) **3.55** Cher (3660007) **4.30** Riviera (12465) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (90755)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8253761) **5.55** Calendar (917871) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (815) **10.40** Edit V (963273) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (102235) **12.20** Local Election Special (7496259) **12.30** Film: A Study in Terror (584397) **2.15** America's Top Ten (47620) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (46991) **3.15** Film: Eight O'Clock Walk (983991) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (5776026)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (70693) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (66341) **9.30** Ysgolion (369815) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (53877) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (92029) **1.00** Sesame Street (92254) **2.00** Eat Your Greens (49647187) **2.25** *Channel 4 Racing* (863693) **4.25** Slot 23 (7187419) **5.00** Fifteen To One (3612) **5.30** The Next Big Thing (964) *6.00 Newyddion* (456870) **6.10** Heno (473438) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1308) **7.30** O'r Fedwen i'r Fan (341) **8.00** Y Swn (9696) **8.30** Newyddion (778693) **8.55** Syr Wyn (171983) **9.40** Very Jean Muir (239780) **10.05** Film: The Stepford Wives (50137438) **12.20** Street Legal (7456378) **12.45** Surgical Spirit (64397) **1.15** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46510815) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4597322) **9.10** Cartoons (8651167) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (26235) **10.00** Card Sharks (6120457) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (4566326) **10.30** Concentration (95877) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (59099) **11.30** Falcon Crest (99235) **12.30pm** E Street (20051) **1.00** Another World (6625273) **1.45** Santa Barbara (247761) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (925322) **3.15** Different Strokes (268254) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4487952) **6.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8709) **6.00** Games World (8051) **6.30** E Street (2631) **7.00** Rescue (9438) **7.30** Family Ties (6815) **8.00** Melrose Place (68235) **9.00** Chances (66099) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (10186) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (10506) **11.30** Night Court (96167) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.30am News and Business Report (916032) **9.30** Nightline (11167) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (93273) **11.30** International Business Report (97877) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (64761) **1.30** Good Morning America (65490) **2.30** Parliament (4317419) **3.15** Parliament (9920815) **4.30** News and Business Report (5728) **5.00** Live at Five (96457) **6.30** News and Business Report (83803) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (6457) **10.30** Nightline (18148) **11.30** ABC News (50047) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (43910) **1.30** ABC News (11858) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (22303) **3.30** ABC News (21620) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (55736) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (36910)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5996341)
10.00 Torn Apart (1989): A Jewish boy and an Arab girl fall in love (31167)
12.00 Oh God! (1977): George Burns chooses supermarket manager John Denver to be his prophet (89065)
2.00pm The File of the Golden Goose (1969): Yul Brynner and Charles Gray investigate counterfeiters (72438)
4.00 Cockeyed Cowboys of Calico County (1970): Comedy western starring Dan Blocker and Nanette Fabray (6341)
6.00 Torn Apart (as 10am) (65902)
8.00 Double Edge (1992): Susan Lucci as an FBI agent and assassin (64419)
10.00 Predator 2 (1990). Danny Glover tracks the chameleon-like alien (318070)
11.50 Heathers (1989): Winona Ryder and Christian Slater plot the downfall of the most popular girls in school (330612)
1.30am American Ninja 4: The Annihilation (1991): *Michael Dudikoff foils a nuclear* plot by terrorists (777571)
3.05 Curse II: The Bite (1988): Comedy about irradiated vipers (534649)
4.40 Struck by Lightning (1990): Down's syndrome victims form a football team (2206823). *Ends at* **6.10**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Command Decision (1948, b/w): Clark Gable is forced to lead a suicidal bombing raid on Germany (50254)
8.00 The Illustrated Man (1969): Robert Drivas meets a tattooed Rod Steiger (62099)
10.00 Who's That Knocking at My Door? (1968): Martin Scorsese's autobiographical drama (26542). *Ends at* **11.30**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.05am The Little Marines (1990): Children's camping adventure (17436099)
8.00 Beauty and the Beast (1963): Fairy-tale brought to life (80506)
10.00 The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training (1977). Misadventures of the little league baseball team (39709)
12.00 Gawain and the Green Knight (1973): Medieval tale (89047)
2.00pm Battle Taxi (1955). Korean war drama starring Sterling Hayden (63780)
4.00 Beauty and the Beast (as 8am) (4983)
6.00 Guilty by Suspicion (1990): Film director Robert De Niro becomes involved in the McCarthy witch-hunt (83544)
8.00 The Commitments (1991): Alan Parker's comedy drama about a Dublin soul band. With Robert Arkins (55761)
10.00 Return to Salem's Lot (1987): Michael Moriarty moves to the vampire town (392032)
11.45 Paris Trout (1990): Dennis Hopper shoots a mother and her child (346273)
1.25am In the Best Interests of the Child *(1990). Meg Tilly protects her daughter from* her abusive former husband (872845)
3.00 Snow Kill (1990): Businessmen com*bat the elements and a gang of murderous* drug smugglers (5333910)
4.25 Last Wish (1991): Cancer victim *Maureen Stapleton asks daughter Patty* Duke to help her die (800620). *Ends at* **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (10761) **7.00** Ringside (61983) **9.00** Stretch (63877) **9.30** NHRA Drag Racing (90419) *10.00 Motor World* (34341) **10.30** Tennis: German Open (7456032) **4.00pm** Trucks 'n' Tractor (5186) **4.30** Windsurfing *(4070)* *5.00 ATP Tennis* (4902) **5.30** Snowboarding (5322) **6.00** Soccer News (354457) **6.03** WWF All-American Wrestling (57934) *7.00 Superbikes* (24815) **8.00** British Motorsport (38885) **9.00** European League Round-Up (20099) **10.00** Soccer News (275877) **11.00** Tennis: German Open (47186) **1.00-3.00am** Basketball: Women's Final (51465)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (79902) **8.00** Golf (18693) **9.00** *Snooker* (46186) **11.00** Football (95254) **1.00pm** Basketball (40902) **3.00** Free Climbing (72964) **4.00** Tennis (8341) *6.00 Mountain Bike (9371) 6.30 News (1983)* **7.00** Ice Hockey (70631) **9.00** Uefa Cup Football (98490) **11.00** Boxing (76815) *12.00-12.30am News (60945)*

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (35750761) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35788544) **6.30** Jem (1874815) **7.00** Bravestarr (9823231) **7.30** Neighbours (6873916) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8321693) **8.30** EastEnders (8320964) **9.00** The Bill (8344544) **9.30** The Onedin Line (8756877) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (6094934) **11.30** No Place Like Home (8629983) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8324780) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2229709) **1.00** EastEnders (8121213) **1.30** The Bill (2211720) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4423693) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (4812902) **3.00** Dallas (6630099) **4.00** Dynasty (6619568) **5.00** *Blankety Blank (4447273)* **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4883490) **6.00** Neighbours (4813631) **6.30** The Onedin Line (8001595) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (4800167) **8.00** EastEnders (4443457) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (4432964) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (4129761) **10.00** The Bill (8332709) **10.30** Carrott's Lib (3905438) **11.30** Dr Who (1854051) **12.00-2.00am** Film: Tomorrow Never Comes (1977) starring Oliver Reed and Susan George (8218148)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (68983) **7.00** RatKan II (40099) **9.00** Jack in the Box (92964) **11.00** Stories Without Words (15693) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (16322) **12.00** Secret Valley (48070) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (24490) **2.00** Stories Without Words (7344) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (9964) **3.00** Bobobobs (4249693) **3.25** RatKan II (98799761) **5.00** Kats and Dog (4544) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (3780) **6.00** Fame (44254)

RADIO 3

6.35am *Open University:* *Maths — Differentiation*
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Piers Burton-Page. Including Haydn (Symphony No 63 in C, La Roxolane: Little Orchestra of London under Leslie Jones); *Field (Nocturne No 18 in E, Le* Midi: Allan Schiller, piano); Couperin (L'Apothéose de Corelli. English *Bach Soloists* under John Eliot Gardiner); Milhaud (L'Apothéose de Molière: New London Orchestra under Ronald Corp)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Debussy Jeux (Suisse Romande Orchestra under *Ernest Ansermet); La boîte-à* joujoux (Aldo Ciccolini, piano); Noël des enfants (Charles *Panzéra, baritone; Orchestra* under Piero Coppola)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: Philip Brady introduces "Soll es Sein?" from *Chausseestrasse 131 by the German songwriter* Wolf Biermann
10.10 Morning Sequence: Dvořák (Slavonic Dances, Op 46 Nos 3-5. Czech PO under Vaclav *Neumann). Vaughan* Williams (The Lark Ascending: Pinchas Zukerman, violin; ECO under Daniel Barenboim), Dvořák (Silhouettes, Op 8. William *Howard, piano); Fibich* (Christmas Eve, Op 9: Gabriel Woolf, narrator, Radoslav Kvapil, piano); Elgar (Chanson de matin: Bournemouth *Sinfonietta under Norman* Del Mar). Anthony Powers (The Memory Room: William Howard, piano): Elgar (The Wand of Youth, Suite No 2: *Ulster Orchestra under* Bryden Thomson)
12.00 Haydn's Late Chamber Works (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Das Wunder der Heliane, performed by the Berlin Radio Choir and Symphony Orchestra under John *Mauceri.* Sung in German. See Choice
4.15 Dennis Lee, piano, plays Beethoven (Sonata in G, Op 14 No 2), Clementi (Sonata in C, Op 34 No 1): Schubert, transcr Liszt (Der Lindenbaum); Schumann, transcr Liszt (Widmung) (r)
5.00 In Tune, presented by Natalie Wheen
7.30 BBC Philharmonic in Nürnberg under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Prokofiev *(Violin Concerto No 2: Igor* Oistrakh); Bartók (Concerto for Orchestra)
8.45 That Was the Year That Was: Sir Peter Hall recalls his memories of 1968, the year he resigned from the board of the Royal Shakespeare Company
9.00 Dvořák: String Quartet in D minor, Op 34 (Vlach Quartet)
9.30 Musica Nova: Bavarian RSO *under Markus Stenz performs* Luigi Nono (Variazone canoniche sulla serie dell' Op 41 di Arnold Schoenberg); Wolfgang Rihm (Umfassung — Musik in memoriam Luigi Nono)
10.15 Bluebird Blues (r)
10.45 Night Waves, presented by Hermione Lee. The arts programme celebrates 40 *years of London's Poetry* Library
11.30 Great Masters Restored: London Classical Players under Roger Norrington *perform Schumann* (Overture, Genoveva); Brahms (Variations on a theme of Haydn, Op 56a); Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor)
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland: *as Radio 5 at 9am)*

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** *Weather* **7.45** *Thought for the* Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, chaired by Michael Buerk
9.45 Surviving in Stroke City: Gerry Anderson's final reflection on the ironies of living in Northern Ireland
10.00-10.30 Rent (FM only): First of a six-part comedy series by *Lucy Flannery. Starring* Barbera Flynn as Maria and Patrick Barlow as Richard
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): A selection of poetry on the theme of doubt
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to the whodunit writer Ellis Peters. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Linda Lewis
12.25pm Litmus Test: Fred Harris *chairs the light-hearted* science panel game **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers *(r)* **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; A Room Full of Mirrors: Patricia Finney's play is rebroadcast today as a tribute to its director Richard Imison, who died in February. In 1597, Queen Elizabeth (Siân *Phillips) was the most powerful* ruler in Europe. Except, perhaps, for Philip of Spain (r)
3.00-4.00 *Iconoclasts* ***(FM only):*** Father Bernard Lynch believes that the Church is wrong in its attitude toward homosexuality and people with HIV
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope *reviews Search and Destroy* at the Royal Court Theatre, and *A Passionate Woman at the West Yorkshire* Playhouse; and finds out who killed Christopher Marlowe
4.45 Short Story: Red Roses for a Blue Lady, by Christine Harrison. Read by Menna Trussler
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Masterson Inheritance: Josie Lawrence and Paul Merton star in an improvised *historical saga*
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Silent Daughters: Jenni Mills presents a report on a family who discover a web of sexual *abuse spanning 40 years*
8.00 The Thin Blue Line: The final programme in which James Naughtie reports on United Nations peacekeeping
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love on a Branch Line, by John Hadfield. Read by Michael Cochrane (9/10)
11.00 Sad Cypress, by Agatha Christie (1/5) (r)
11.30-12.00 Today in Parliament (FM only)
11.30 Local Election Special (LW only): Robin Lustig presents the results with comment and *analysis from Liam Fogarty* and Colin Rallings
12.00-2.00am News and Local Election Special, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping

CHOICE

Das Wunder der Heliane. *Radio 3, 1.05pm.*

What do they know of Erich Wolfgang Korngold who only his Hollywood musical scores know? Not much. And here is one of his operas to prove it. He wrote it in 1927, seven years before quitting Austria to rearrange Mendelssohn for Reinhardt's film, *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* and 11 years before he wrote his matchless score for *The Adventures of Robin Hood.* This was the same matchless score for... Korngold whom Mahler proclaimed a genius at the age of ten. When he died in 1957, the Vienna Opera House flag *flew at half-mast.*

The Green Hornet. *Radio 5, 6.30pm.*

As a righter of wrongs, American-style, the Green Hornet came buzzing out of *the same nest* as Superman, Batman and the Lone Ranger. Radio 5 has somehow got its hands on the original 1930s *recordings.* Did clever-dick critics of the day note that whenever newspaper boss Britt Reid donned his mask and became the Green *Hornet,* there was an entomological solecism on the soundtrack? Or was it simply that *The Flight of the Bumble Bee was all the producers* could find?

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** *Bruno Brookes (FM only)* **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 *6.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session* **8.30** Dance Energy: Normski's guest is Mike Pickering **9.00** The Guest List with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Simon Hoggart **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gloria Gaynor **10.30** The Jamesons *12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride* **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Let's Make a Story; **9.15** Together — An Assembly for Schools; **9.35** Listening and Reading 3; **9.45** *The Song Tree;* **10.00** *In the News* **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Garden Centre **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Green Hornet: See Choice **7.15** Hard Cash **7.30** Swotline **8.30** Vibe! **9.30** Annie on *My Mind, by Nancy Garden (1/3) (r) 10.10 Eastern Beat* **12.00-12.10am** News. Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The *World Today* **7.30** *Sports International* **8.00** News **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English *11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59* Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** The Bagel Philosopher **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Falling **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** *Heute Aktuell* **5.00** *News* **5.10** *News About* Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** News **1.30** In the Steps of Rachmaninov **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seven Seas **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.30** The Bagel Philosopher **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey *9.00 Henry Kelly* **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Sibelius (Violin Concerto: Nigel Kennedy) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Travel Guide: Camargue and Trasco **8.00** Evening Concert: Vienna PO performs Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3); Sibelius (Symphony No 4) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

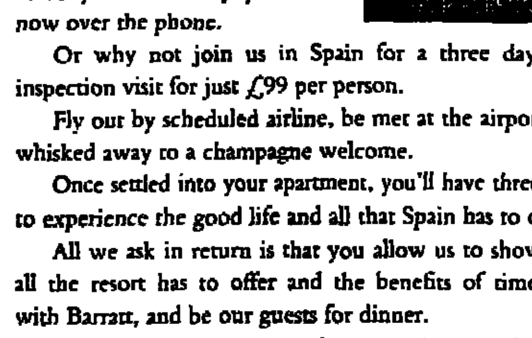
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Badminton hopefuls take practice circuit on field of glory

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

COMPETITORS set about adding the finishing touches to their preparations for the 41st Badminton Horse Trials yesterday, warming up in the grounds of Badminton Park before the most famous of three-day events gets under way.

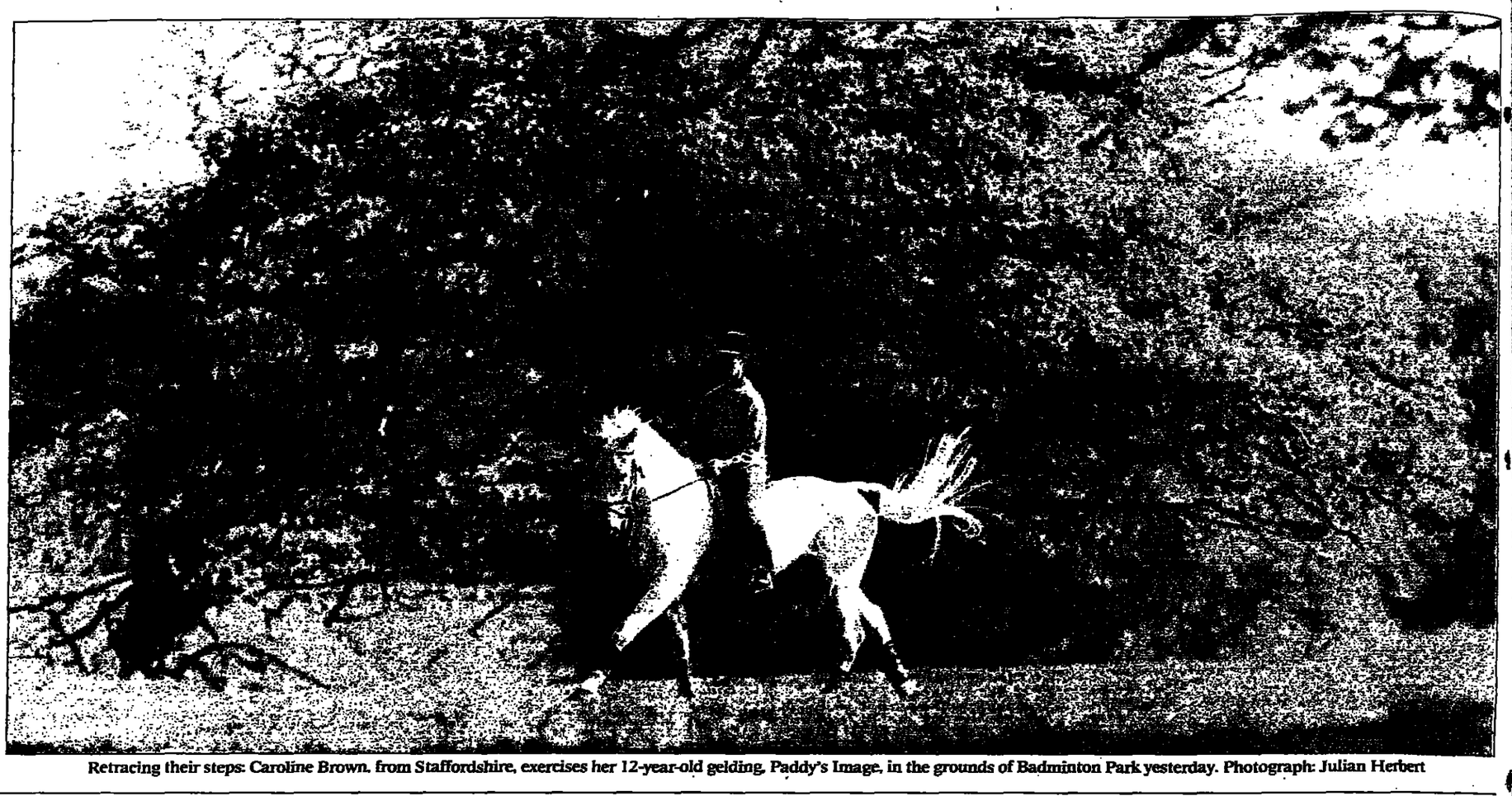
Seventy-nine riders, including the defending champions, Mary Thomson with King William, are competing for the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy and £20,000 first prize with the favourites including Blyth Tait, of New Zealand, the world champion, and his compatriot Mark Todd, a dual Olympic champion.

Five horses were "held over" to be trotted up again at the end of the horse inspection yesterday, but only one — Strauss III, ridden by Angela Tucker — failed to pass when reinspected.

Seventeen veterinary surgeons will be on duty for the cross country on Saturday in which extra safety precautions are being taken after the deaths of three horses last year. The going on the 30-fence course is described as "good".

The four days of competition start today with the dressage. Tait, who won the Olympic individual bronze medal with his top horse, Messiah, in Barcelona, is the first into the arena with his Burghley runner-up, Delta, owned by Team Toggi.

Badminton preview, page 40



Retracing their steps: Caroline Brown, from Staffordshire, exercises her 12-year-old gelding, Paddy's Image, in the grounds of Badminton Park yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Souness ready to leave Liverpool

BY IAN ROSS

GRAEME Souness will take charge of a Liverpool team for the final time on Saturday before his two-year association with the club comes to an end.

Despite announcing yesterday that he wished to see out the remaining three years of his contract, Souness, who celebrates his fortieth birthday today, is already planning a future away from the troubled Merseyside club, having accepted earlier in the week that his departure was inevitable.

An official announcement confirming that club and manager have parted company will be made as soon as the two parties have agreed on a sum of compensation.

Although there is no doubting that a faction within the Liverpool boardroom was anxious to see Souness replaced before the start of next season, it is still unclear in precisely what terms the formal notification of his leaving will be couched. With both sides anxious to avoid an acrimonious end to a troubled relationship, it is now thought unlikely that Souness will be dismissed from a post he has held since being appointed as the successor to Kenny Dalglish in April 1991. An announcement indicating an amicable separation is now more likely.

It is clear that Liverpool had hoped to delay the news of Souness's departure until the summer, a plan scuppered by the leaking of the news of Sunday night's impromptu board meeting at Anfield when the question of the manager's position was first raised by directors concerned by the club's lack of progress this season.

Souness was not present at that meeting and neither was he in attendance on Tuesday evening when the Liverpool board convened for a second time in less than 48 hours.

Although David Moores, the club's chairman, declined to comment on Souness's future as he left Tuesday's meeting, the fact that neither he nor Peter Robinson, the club's hugely-influential chief executive, felt willing to issue a vote of confidence was regarded as an indication that a change of manager was imminent.

If the question of compensation can be settled swiftly, it is conceivable that Souness may announce his departure before — or immediately after — the weekend fixture against Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield.

With three years of his contract left to fulfil, Souness can expect a generous settlement, although the widely publicised figure of £1 million is undoubtedly excessive in the extreme. Ironically, he insisted yesterday that he would not be resigning his post and that he still hoped to see out the remainder of his contract.

Souness denied claims that he was either actively seeking or secretly negotiating a pay-off and said that he resented being depicted as a "mercenary". "I am being portrayed as a mercenary, someone holding the club to ransom, but that is not true," he said. "All I want to do is to see out the next three years at Liverpool."

Souness's response when asked if he was considering resignation was a predictable "no chance". He added: "Anyone who knows me — and not just in football — will tell you that I have never run away from anything in my life. I have been in this business a long time. It is not easy at the moment, but it is not as difficult as it might appear."

Souness talked enthusiastically about the future of a team he has assembled at a cost of £13.4 million. "I do feel that we are still a good side and that we are only two or three players short of being able to challenge for the championship," he said. "I know that mistakes have been made, but a lot of positive things have happened as well."

Once Souness has severed his ties with a club that he served with such distinction as a player between 1978 and 1984, Liverpool will begin the search for his successor.

The list of prospective candidates is as predictable as it is long with the names of Dalglish, Ron Atkinson, John Toshack and Peter Reid featuring prominently.

Taylor keeps faith, page 38

☐ Gordon Strachan, Leeds United's veteran former Scottish international midfield player, will be invited by Barnsley to succeed Mel Machin, who resigned as manager yesterday.

Machin resigned from the first division club "with regret" yesterday afternoon, pre-empting a decision to dismiss him from his post. Strachan's contract with Leeds expires shortly.

Seles determined to ease way back

MONICA Seles, who was injured by a knife attack in Germany last Friday, said in Vail, Colorado, yesterday that she did not know when she would return to competitive tennis but vowed not to give up the game. In her first comments on the incident which occured between sets in a tournament in Hamburg, Seles said she was feeling fine and recovering well.

Dr Richard Steadman, who is treating Seles, said the world No 1 was making good progress, but he could not judge when she would return to top tennis. "There is no way to define what the recovery time will be," he said. "Currently, our plan is to protect the soft tissue injury."

Seles, 19, who was born in Yugoslavia, said she was going to take as much time she needs to recover from the attack. "I'm going day by day, not too much forwards," Seles said. "I just want to get back my arm ... I haven't put a timetable on anything."

A spectator at the Hamburg tournament stuck a knife, half an inch wide, into Seles's upper back muscles. German police said the assailant told them he had not wanted to kill Seles but intended to injure her so that her German rival, Steffi Graf, could reclaim the world No 1 spot.

Seles flew from Germany to Colorado on Monday; she lives in Florida.

She is being treated at the prestigious Steadman Sports Medicine Foundation at Vail, one of the United States' leading ski resorts.

Worcestershire pay for lack of aggressive intent

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTER (first day of three, Australians won the toss): Worcestershire, with nine first-innings wickets standing, are 243 runs behind the Australians

TOURING teams are at their most vulnerable while still adjusting to all things English and, with their traditional right to stage the opening first-class match, Worcestershire are best placed to take advantage. The only county side to beat both the 1989 Australians and the 1992 Pakistanis, they might now be on course for a hat-trick if they had made more positive use of yesterday's conditions.

The New Road pitch has been befriending seam bowlers for some seasons and was just as accommodating here. A more consistent line, supported by more attacking fields, could easily have seen the Australians dismissed for fewer than 200.

Instead, David Boon, at the peak of his powers on his third tour of England, charged Worcestershire a heavy price for dropping him on 26. Boon made a four-hour century in which fluency and good fortune were necessary bedfellows, and the Australians' total of 262 is not as modest as might be thought.

Keith Fletcher, the England team manager, was on the ground and will have been gratified by signs that the Australian batting looks less polished when the ball moves around as it tends to do in this country. He will not, however, have been so pleased that Graeme Hick, whose off spin England are actively encouraging, was not given a single over.

It was hard to fathom why Tim Curtis ignored Hick, as he used the left-arm spin of Illingworth for 15 overs and employed the part-time seam of Weston for two overs before tea. Curtis, however, posted only two slips before lunch while the outside edge was being tested with great regularity.

Four years ago, this corresponding game was over within two days, ignominiously for the Australians. It was also responsible for Philip Newport playing in the first Test, ignominiously for Newport and England. Yesterday, conditions were not markedly different but, while Newport and Neal Radford struggled with the radar early on, it was Chris Tolley who looked the likeliest to embarrass.

Tolley would not have been playing but for a side strain suffered by young Alex Wylie, but he imposed himself by removing Matthew Hayden (previous scores on tour 151 and 122) with his first ball and almost dismissing Boon with his fifth.

Hayden, pushing forward to Tolley's lively left-arm, squirted a chance to gully which Lampitt held smartly. Boon was nearly undone by a slower ball, his premature drive spooning narrowly wide of Tolley's follow-through. It might so easily have been three for two; as it turned out, the next wicket fell at 104.

This was due to tenacious batting by Boon and Mark Taylor and stray bowling by Worcestershire. A missed catch, by D'Oliveira off Radford, was the nadir of the county's morning.

Taylor made room to cut Illingworth and was caught behind. Mark Waugh failed again. Boon perished to an unworthy shot, working across the line against Radford, but Steve Waugh sustained an otherwise compliant lower order as Newport and Lampitt moved in for cheap pickings.

The bulk of the 4,000 crowd remained to see Curtis fall leg-before in Brendon Julian's first over.

John Woodcock, page 42

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

M L Hayden c Lampitt b Tolley	3
*M A Taylor c Rhodes b Illingworth	39
D C Boon low b Radford	108
M E Waugh c Curtis b Tolley	7
D R Martyn c Lampitt b Illingworth	25
S R Waugh not out	49
†I A Healy c Hick b Newport	6
B P Julian c Weston b Newport	9
P R Reiffel b Lampitt	5
S K Warne b Lampitt	3
W J Holdsworth c Weston b Newport	0
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 2)	8
Total	262

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-104, 3-124, 4-170, 5-194, 6-212, 7-248, 8-253, 9-261.

BOWLING: Newport 22.5-6-59-3; Tolley 16-5-36-2; Radford 15-5-53-1; Lampitt 16-3-47-2; Illingworth 15-2-52-2; Weston 2-0-10-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

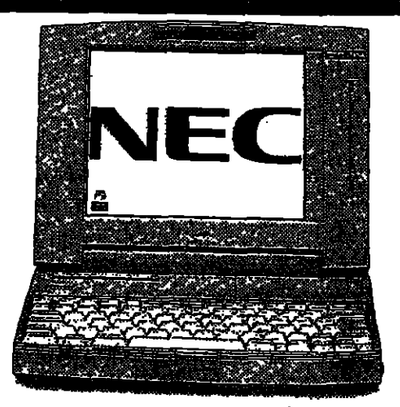
*†S Curtis lbw b Julian	1
W P C Weston not out	9
G A Hick not out	1
Extras (lb 2, w 1)	3
Total (1 wkt)	14

D B D'Oliveira, A C H Seymour, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, C M Tolley, P J Newport and N V Radford to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-1.

Umpires: R Palmer and B J Meyer.

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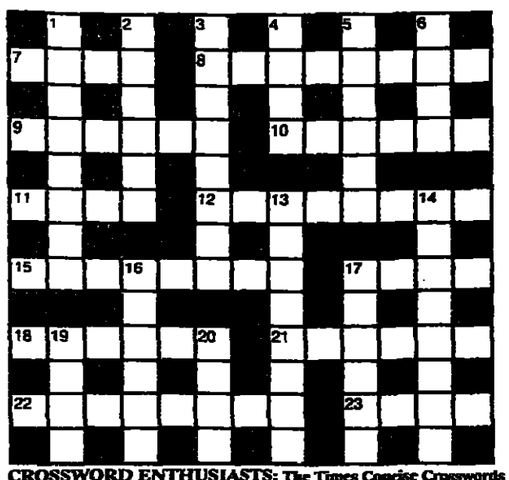
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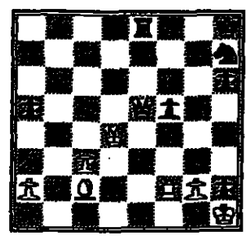
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a variation from the game Short — Timman, Candidates Final, El Escorial 1993. Timman had been relying on reaching this position. With an extra pawn he thought he could not lose. However, white, to move, has a diabolical resource available which wins decisively on material. What is it?



Solution on page 40

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

BINDLE
a. A loose woman
b. A kind of bundle
c. To scrounge or cadge

MANKY
a. Defective or dirty
b. A toy boy
c. A police detective

TAFFIA
a. Hard drugs
b. A brothel
c. A Welsh network

CROAKER
a. A police informer
b. A prison doctor
c. A burglar alarm

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